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## Information Paragraphs

- **Note** paragraphs provide information that provides a deeper understanding of the situation, but is not essential to the proper completion of the instructions.
- **Important** paragraphs provide information that emphasizes instructions that are essential to proper setup of the equipment. Failure to follow these instructions carefully may cause unreliable performance.
- **Caution!** paragraphs provide information that alerts the operator to a hazardous situation that can cause damage to property or equipment.
- **Warning!** paragraphs provide information that alerts the operator to a hazardous situation that can cause injury to personnel. Cautionary information is also included, when applicable.

## Safety Issues

**WARNING!** It is the responsibility of the user to make sure all local, county, state and national codes, regulations, rules and laws related to safety and safe operating conditions are met for each installation.

## Auxiliary Equipment

### Local Safety Standards

The user must make sure that he operates all auxiliary equipment in accordance with local codes, standards, regulations, or laws applicable to safety.

### Working Area

**WARNING!** Auxiliary equipment may have both manual and automatic modes of operation. As equipment can move suddenly and without warning, do not enter the work cell of this equipment during automatic operation, and do not enter the work envelope of this equipment during manual operation. If you do, serious injury can result.

**WARNING!** Make sure that power to the auxiliary equipment is turned OFF and locked out before you perform maintenance procedures on the equipment.

## Qualification of Personnel

Make sure that all personnel have manufacturer-approved training applicable to the auxiliary equipment.

## Personal Safety Equipment

Make sure that operators and maintenance personnel have all safety equipment applicable to the auxiliary equipment. Examples include safety glasses, protective headgear, safety shoes, etc.

## Unauthorized Operation

Make sure that unauthorized personnel cannot gain access to the operation of the equipment.

## Environmental Compliance

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GE Measurement & Control Solutions is an active participant in Europe's *Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)* take-back initiative, directive 2002/96/EC.



The equipment that you bought has required the extraction and use of natural resources for its production. It may contain hazardous substances that could impact health and the environment.

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The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol invites you to use those systems.

If you need more information on the collection, reuse and recycling systems, please contact your local or regional waste administration.

Visit <http://www.ge-mcs.com/en/about-us/environmental-health-and-safety/1741-weee-req.html> for take-back instructions and more information about this initiative.

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## Chapter 1. Getting Started

The GE PM880 is a versatile, battery-powered portable hygrometer that is designed for spot sampling moisture measurements. Although the PM880 offers many options, it requires only battery charging and minimal setup to begin taking measurements.

This chapter is designed to provide a step-by-step guide to getting the meter up and running as quickly as possible. Additional programming options are discussed in later chapters.

Follow the sections in this chapter to setup your meter. This chapter includes the following information:

- Charging the Battery Pack
- Powering On and Off
- Entering Data Using the Keypad
- Entering Setup Data
- Displaying Measurements
- Saving Data in Site Files

## 1.1 Charging the Battery Pack

The PM880 is powered by a rechargeable NiMH battery pack. When you receive the PM880, you will need to fully charge the pack. The pack must be charged for 4-5 hours, until the amber LED on the charger goes out, to receive the maximum charge. When fully charged, the pack provides 16 to 24 hours of continuous operation, depending on the probe type and the PM880 usage. An internal battery gauge indicates the remaining power in the pack.

Before charging the battery pack, make sure the charger is properly configured. Use the instructions below:

### 1.1.1 Removing the Battery Pack

1. Make sure you are in a general-purpose location where you can safely charge the pack.

**WARNING! THE BATTERY PACK CAN BE INSTALLED AND REMOVED IN HAZARDOUS AREAS, HOWEVER, IT MUST BE CHARGED IN GENERAL-PURPOSE AREAS ONLY.**

2. Remove the four thumb screws on the back panel of the PM880 that secure the pack.
3. Lift the pack out of the unit.



## 1.1.2 Configuring the Battery Charger

The PM880 battery charger has a switchable voltage input of 115 to 230 VAC. Make sure the voltage selector is in the correct position before plugging it in.

**WARNING!** The battery charger is intended for indoor use only.  
See *Specifications* for power cord type.  
Risk of electrical shock; use in dry locations only.  
Charge on NiMH type rechargeable batteries.  
Other types of batteries may burst,  
causing injury and/or damage.

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**IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS  
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS  
!DANGER!**

**TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRICAL SHOCK, CAREFULLY  
FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES BELOW.**

**BE SURE THE VOLTAGE SELECTOR IS IN THE CORRECT VOLTAGE  
POSITION BEFORE PLUGGING IT IN.  
(SEE THE BOTTOM OF THE CHARGER.)**

**FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE VOLTAGE SELECTOR SWITCH  
MUST BE PLACED IN THE 115 VOLT POSITION.**

**FOR USE IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, CONFIRM THE  
VOLTAGE AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCATION  
AND PLACE THE VOLTAGE SELECTOR IN THE CORRECT POSITION  
BEFORE USING THE PRODUCT.**

**FOR CONNECTION TO A SUPPLY NOT IN THE UNITED STATES, USE AN  
ATTACHMENT PLUG OR ADAPTOR OF THE PROPER CONFIGURATION  
FOR THE POWER OUTLET.**

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### 1.1.3 Charging the Battery Pack

1. Plug the pack into the battery charger.
2. Connect the charger to AC power. When power is applied, the amber LED glows and the charger automatically begins charging the pack.

**Note:** *The pack is fully charged when the amber LED goes out (approximately 4-5 hours).*

**IMPORTANT:** *When you receive your unit, you should completely charge the battery pack before using it for the first time.*

3. Remove the pack from the charger and reinstall it in the PM880. Refer to *Checking the Battery Status* on page 133 for details on monitoring the battery.

## 1.2 Powering On and Off

**IMPORTANT:** *For CE compliance, the PM880 is classified as a battery-powered device.*

### 1.2.1 Powering On

To turn the PM880 on, press the red button in the upper-right-hand corner of the keypad. Immediately upon powerup the PM880 displays a series of messages and performs various checks. The screen then appears similar to the one shown in Figure 1.

**Note:** *If the meter displays a Probe Reminder message, press [ENTER].*

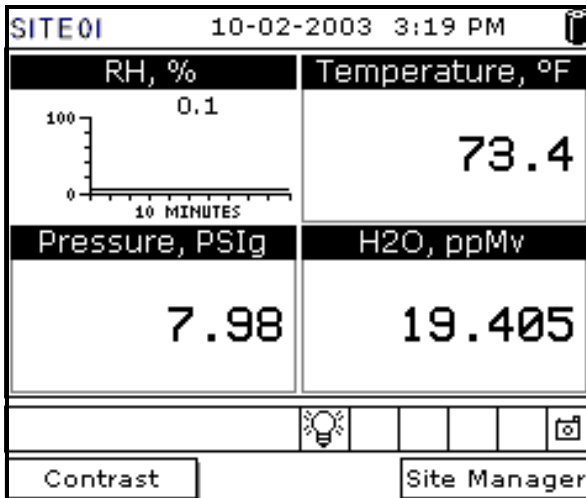


Figure 1: Screen After Powering On

**Note:** *If the meter fails any of these tests, contact the factory.*

## 1.2.2 Powering Off

1. To turn the PM880 off, press the red key for 3 seconds. The screen now appears similar to Figure 2.
2. Press [F1] to shut down the PM880.

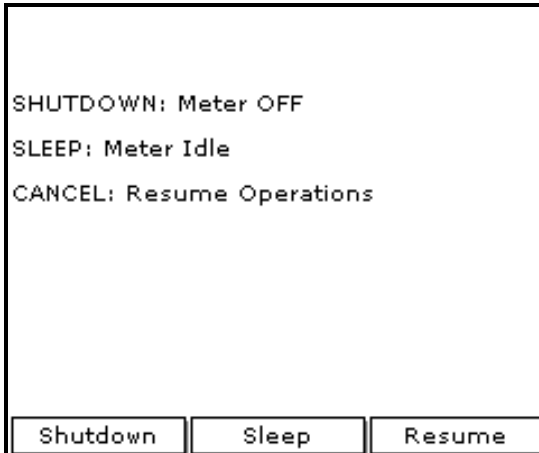


Figure 2: Shutdown Menu

## 1.3 Entering Data Using the Keypad

Use the information below to familiarize yourself with how to enter data using the PM880 keypad.

Use the arrow keys to scroll to a menu topic and then press [ENTER] to open the menu.

When entering data into a menu window, press:

- The [▼] key to scroll forward through the menu options.
- The [▲] key to scroll back through menu options.
- The [F2] key (Cancel) or the [ESC] key to exit a menu at any time and return to Operate Mode without changing data.

**Note:** *If you enter an incorrect numeric value, press the [◀] key to erase the last digit entered.*

## 1.4 Entering Setup Data

For immediate operation, the PM880 requires only a moisture probe and its corresponding calibration data. You should enter data for each site where you plan to make a measurement. Once entered, you can save it into a file that can be recalled at the measurement site. Use the sections that follow to program your meter.

**Note:** *The PM880 has additional menus that enable you to tailor measurements as specifically as possible to your particular application. For more information on menu options refer to Chapter 4, Using Special Features.*

### 1.4.1 Selecting Probe Type

Use the steps below to select the probe type for the measurement site. Refer to Figure 9 on page 19 for a menu map.

**Note:** *You may also enter a constant value (rather than a live input) for moisture, temperature or pressure measurement. For more information refer to Entering Constants and User Functions on page 54.*

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to Program and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to Probe and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 3.

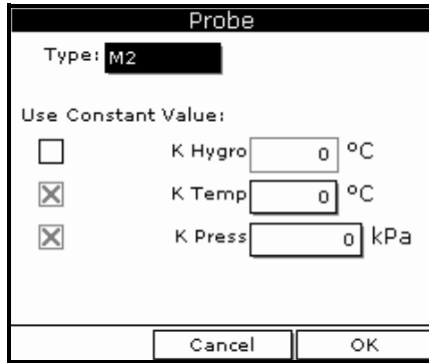


Figure 3: Probe Window

### 1.4.1 Selecting Probe Type (cont.)

4. At **Type**, press [ENTER] to open the drop-down list of probe types.

**Note:** *If you do not know the probe type, refer to the Calibration Data Sheet.*

5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired selection and press [ENTER].

6. Press [F3] (OK) to exit.

Next, do one of the following:

- If you are using an M or TF Series probe, proceed to *Entering Calibration Data* on the next page.
- If you are using an MIS or an MISP2 Probe, proceed to *Displaying Measurements* on page 15.

**Note:** *If you have an MIS probe that was sent back to the factory for calibration **without** the electronics module, you need to enter calibration data as described in *Entering Calibration Data* on page 10.*

## 1.4.2 Entering Calibration Data

The PM880 needs moisture and/or pressure calibration data for probes. You must enter this data when setting up:

- a new unit
- a probe(s) sent back to the factory for calibration

Be sure you have the **Calibration Data Sheets** that are supplied with each GE probe. Each Calibration Data Sheet consists of a list of data points that you will need to enter or verify, and lists its corresponding probe serial number. Calibration Data Sheets are usually packed inside the probe cases.

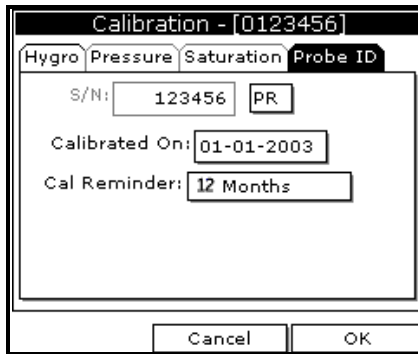
Since the PM880 enables you to use more than one probe, the meter provides a place to enter the probe serial number to help you match the probes to the corresponding site files. The probe serial number is stored as part of the site file.

Use the sections which follow to enter the serial number, and the moisture and pressure calibration data for the probes.



### 1.4.2a Entering Probe ID

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Program** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Calibrate** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the **Probe ID** tab and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 4 appears.



**Figure 4: Probe ID Window**

5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **S/N** and press [ENTER].
6. Use the numeric keys to enter the serial number from the Calibration Data Sheet and press [ENTER]. The serial number also appears on the hex nut of the moisture probe.
7. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the suffix box and press [ENTER] to open the drop-down list.
8. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired suffix and press [ENTER].
9. Press [F3] (OK) to exit.

### 1.4.2b Entering Moisture Calibration Data

You need to enter calibration data for M and TF Series probes only. The Moisture Image<sup>®</sup> Series (MIS) probes store all calibration data in their electronics module, and upload it into the PM880 memory when needed.

**Note:** *It is not necessary to enter calibration data for the Moisture Image Series (MIS) probe unless you send it back to the factory for calibration **without** its electronics module. If this is the case, you must manually enter the calibration data as described below.*

**Note:** *It is not necessary to enter calibration data for the MISP2 probe.*

Enter moisture calibration data (MH or FH) and dewpoint readings (up to 20 data points) for the moisture probe as described below. Refer to Figure 9 on page 19 for a menu map.

**Note:** *If you are using an MIS probe and do not need to enter data, proceed to Displaying Measurements on page 15.*

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Program** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Calibrate** and press [ENTER].
4. If necessary, use the arrow key to scroll to **Hygro** and press [ENTER]. A screen appears similar to Figure 5 on page 13.
5. Press [▼] to move the pointer to the 00/MH box in the calibration table.
6. Press [ENTER] to change the value. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired MH or FH value, and press [ENTER].

## 1.4.2b Entering Moisture Calibration Data (cont.)

Calibration - [0301728]			
Hygro			
##	MH	Dew Point C	Probe ID
00	0.2709	-110.0	
01	0.2813	-100.0	
02	0.2921	-90.0	
03	0.3033	-80.0	
04	0.3150	-70.0	

Cancel      OK

Figure 5: Hygro Window in Calibration

7. Press [▶] to move to the next text box, and press [ENTER]. Use the numeric keys to enter the corresponding dewpoint reading and press [ENTER].
8. Use the arrow keys to scroll to additional data points and repeat steps 5, 6 and 7 until you have entered the values for each data point.

**Note:** To insert an additional data point, press [F1] (*Insert*).  
To delete a data point, press [F2] (*Delete*).

9. When you have completed entering values, press [F3] (*EXIT*).

Next, do one of the following:

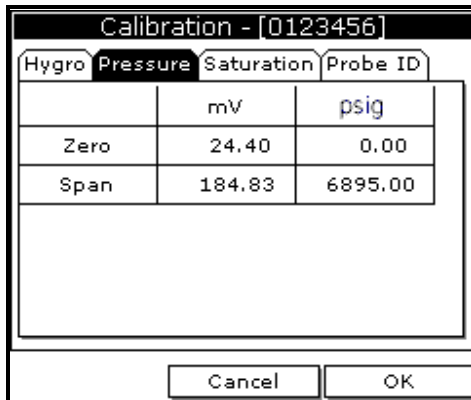
- If the probe has a pressure transducer, proceed to step 3 in *Entering Pressure Calibration Data* on page 14.
- If the probe does not have a pressure transducer, press [F3] (*OK*). Proceed to *Displaying Measurements* on page 15.

### 1.4.2c Entering Pressure Calibration Data

To enter calibration data for the pressure transducer, you must list the zero and span range in mV (or FP) and psig. Refer to Figure 9 on page 19 for a menu map.

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to Program and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to Calibrate and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to Pressure and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 6.

**Note:** *The corresponding mV value can be in psig (English) or kPa (metric). The supplied Calibration Data Sheets list these values in psig. If you want to change the system units, refer to Selecting English or Metric Units on page 46.*



The screenshot shows a calibration window titled "Calibration - [0123456]". At the top, there are four tabs: "Hygro", "Pressure", "Saturation", and "Probe ID". The "Pressure" tab is selected. Below the tabs is a table with three columns: the first column is empty, the second column is labeled "mV", and the third column is labeled "psig". The table has two rows of data: "Zero" with values 24.40 and 0.00, and "Span" with values 184.83 and 6895.00. At the bottom of the window are two buttons: "Cancel" and "OK".

	mV	psig
Zero	24.40	0.00
Span	184.83	6895.00

Figure 6: Calibration Pressure Window

### 1.4.2c Entering Pressure Calibration Data (cont.)

5. Press [▼] to move the pointer to the Zero/mV (Zero/FP) box in the table.
6. Press [ENTER] to change the value. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired value and press [ENTER].
7. The corresponding pressure value box is highlighted. Use the numeric keys to enter the corresponding pressure value and press [ENTER].
8. The span mV box is highlighted. Repeat steps 5, 6 and 7 to enter the Span values.
9. When you have completed entering values, press [F3] (Exit).
10. Press [F3] (OK) and proceed to *Displaying Measurements*.

## 1.5 Displaying Measurements

The PM880 can display one to four measurement parameters simultaneously. There are two parts for displaying measurements: selecting the number of measurements and then selecting the type of measurements. See Figure 9 on page 19 for a menu map.

### 1.5.1 Selecting the Number of Measurements

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to move to the desired number of views or measurement windows (1 View, 2 Views, etc.).
4. Press [ENTER] at your selection. The screen displays the designated number of views (measurement windows).

## 1.5.2 Selecting the Types of Measurements

1. Press [SEL] or arrow keys to move the pointer to the window you want to change and press [ENTER].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to Measurement and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 7. The left column displays the five measurement types and the right column displays the measurement units.

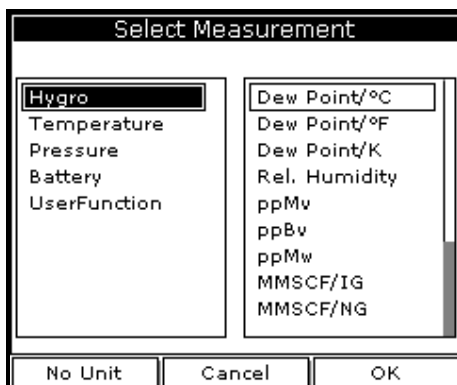


Figure 7: Select Measurement Window

3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired measurement type and press [SEL].
4. Use the arrow keys to select the desired measurement unit (or diagnostic parameter).

**Note:** Press [F3] (*No Unit*) to display a measurement with no units.

5. Press [F3] (OK).
6. Repeat this section for displaying other measurements.

## 1.6 Saving Data in a Site File

A site file contains probe ID, calibration data and display setup information in a file so it can be recalled at the measurement site. Use the following steps to store the data you have entered into a file (see Figure 9 on page 19 for a menu map):

### 1.6.1 Accessing the Site Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site Manager** and press [ENTER].
4. Press [MENU].
5. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].

### 1.6.2 Entering a Site Name

1. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **New** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 8.

New Site							
SITE01							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
Y	Z	0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	-	_	@	#
&	(	)					
Delete      Cancel      OK							

Figure 8: New Site Name Entry Window

### 1.6.2 Entering a Site Name (cont.)

2. The PM880 displays a default name for the file. If you want to keep the default name, skip to step 4. Otherwise, use [F1] to erase the name and use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired letter or number and press [ENTER].
3. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired site name of up to eight characters.
4. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK).
5. The PM880 prompts you to save the site file as a template. This is useful if you need to create multiple sites with similar data. At the prompt, do one of the following:
  - Press [F2] (No) if you do not need to use a template, or
  - Press [F3] (Yes) if you do want to use it as a template.

**Note:** *If you are saving a new file as a template, the PM880 will ask if you want to Save Current Site, press [F2] (No) or [F3] (Yes).*

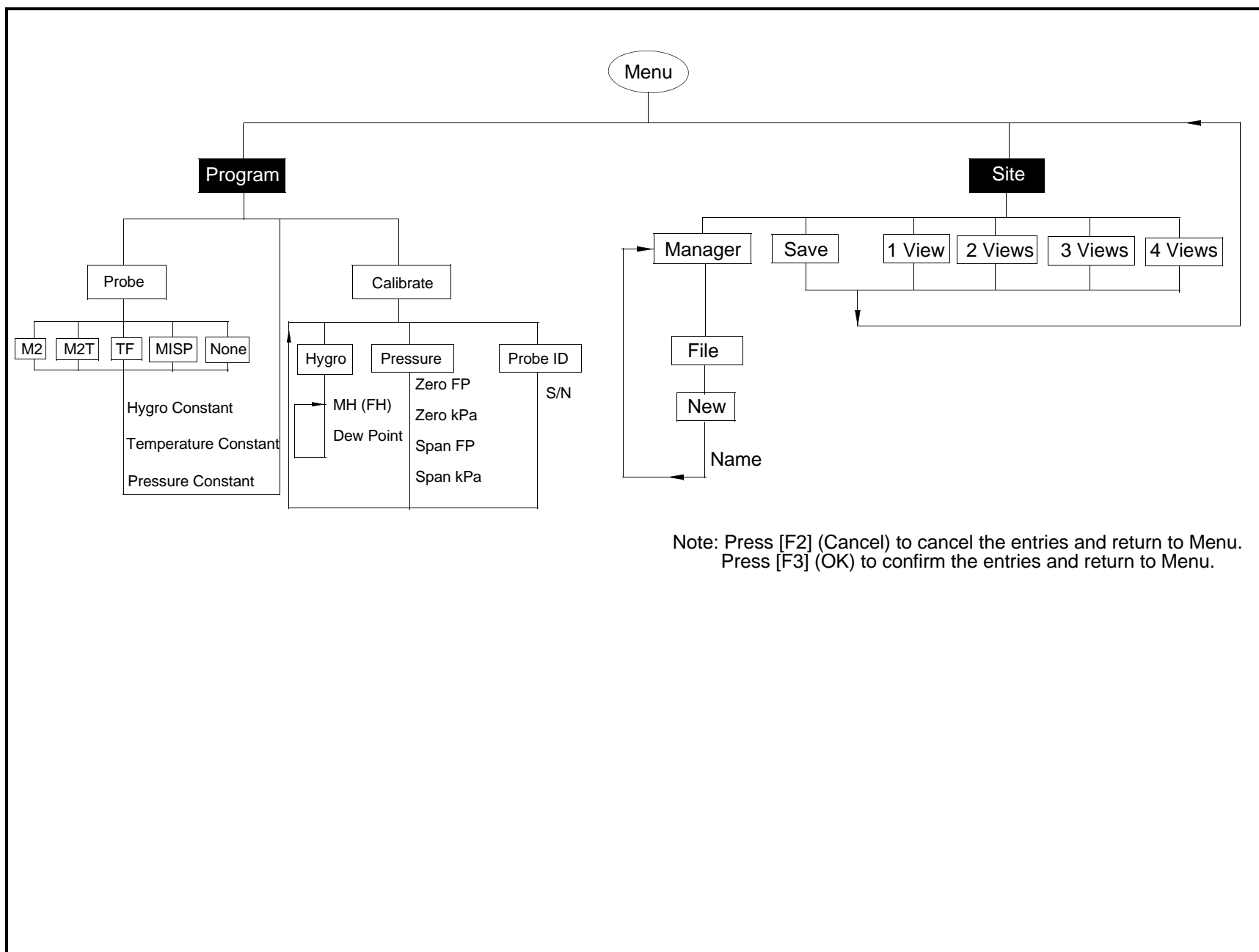
6. Press [F3] (Exit).
7. Press [MENU]. The new site name is displayed in the upper left corner of the screen. You have completed entering site data.

Next, do one of the following:

- If you are done entering site data, proceed to the next chapter, *Taking Measurements*.
- If you need to enter information for another site, go back to *Entering Setup Data* on page 7.

**Note:** *If you need to create multiple site files with similar data, you can save time by creating one site file and then using **Save As** in the Site Manager to create a copy of that site file with a different name. Refer to *Renaming a Site File* on page 100.*





Note: Press [F2] (Cancel) to cancel the entries and return to Menu.  
Press [F3] (OK) to confirm the entries and return to Menu.

Figure 9: Startup Menu

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## Chapter 2. Taking Measurements

The PM880 hygrometer is part of a measurement system that includes the electronics, cable, probe and optional sample system. Once the electronics are properly programmed, you must connect the sample system and probes to begin taking measurements. This chapter discusses the steps needed to begin taking basic measurements.

**Note:** *Refer to Appendix A, Measurement Considerations, for more information on selecting measurement sites and sample system construction.*

- Installing the Probe in a Sample System
- Connecting the Sample System to the Process
- Connecting the Probe to the Electronics
- Recalling a Site File
- Operating the Sample System
- Conducting a Leak Test
- Shutting Down the Sample System

### 2.1 Installing the Probe in a Sample System

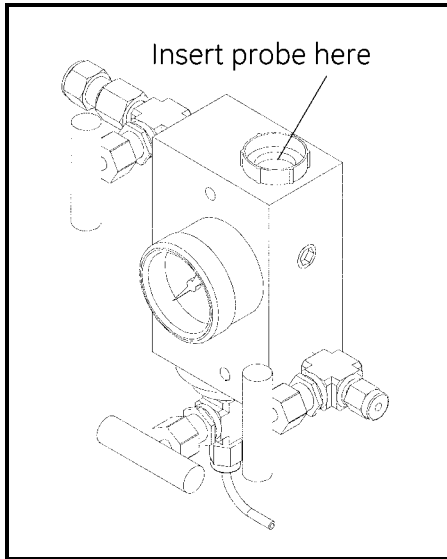
Moisture probes are installed into a portable sample system. The sample system protects the probes from coming into contact with damaging elements in the process.

**CAUTION!** If you are mounting the moisture probes directly into the process line, you must consult the factory for proper installation instructions and precautions.

### 2.1.1 Installing a Moisture Probe

1. Screw the probe into the receptacle fitting, making sure not to cross thread it (see Figure 10). Install moisture probes with different fittings in the appropriate manner.

**Note:** *Standard moisture probes have a sintered stainless-steel shield that protects the aluminum oxide sensor. Leave the shield in place for maximum protection.*



**Figure 10: Probe Fitting Location**

2. Hand-tighten the probe in a clockwise direction, then tighten it an additional 1/8 turn with a wrench.

## 2.2 Connecting the Sample System to the Process

To connect the sample system to the process at the measurement site, refer to Figure 11 and complete the following steps:

1. Crack open the existing pipeline sample tap valve to clean the sample tap.
2. Close the pipeline sample tap valve.
3. Remove the sample system from its case.
4. Be sure the sample system inlet needle valve is closed and the filter/coalescer outlet needle valve and sample outlet needle valve are open.
5. Connect the sample system to the sample tap. We recommend using 1/4" stainless steel tubing. The distance from the sample tap to the sample system should be as short as possible, typically 5 to 15 feet (1.5 to 4.5 m). A male NPT process connection is provided.

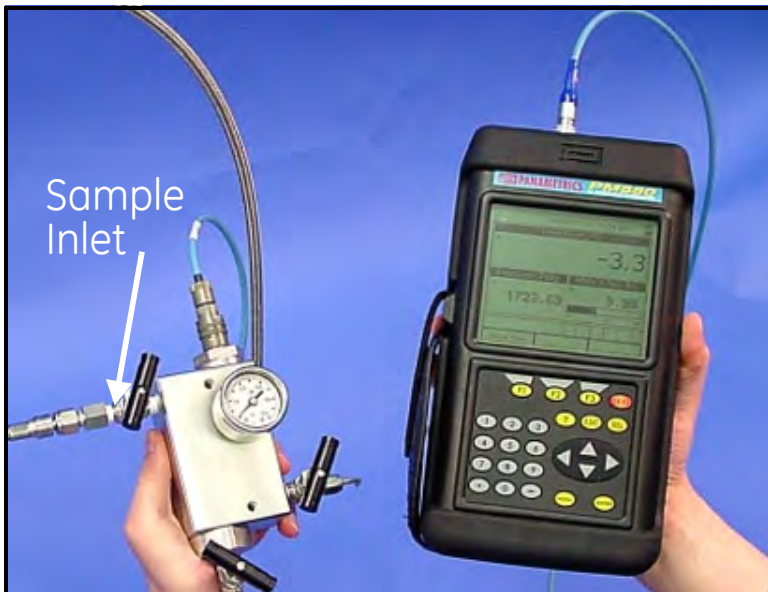


Figure 11: The Sample System and the PM880

## 2.3 Making Probe Connections

Use the following steps to make probe connections:

1. Make sure the PM880 is turned off.
2. Connect the cable to the probe by inserting the bayonet-type connector onto the probe and twisting the shell clockwise until it snaps into a locked position.

**Note:** *The connector on the probe cable must be rotated until it aligns with the pins in the probe connector, before the cable may be properly inserted into the probe and secured.*

3. Connect the other end of the probe cable to the top of the unit by aligning the red dot on the cable connector at the 12 o'clock position. See Figure 12 for the connector location.

**Note:** *Remove the probe cable by pulling back the spring-loaded sleeve and pulling the cable out of the connector.*

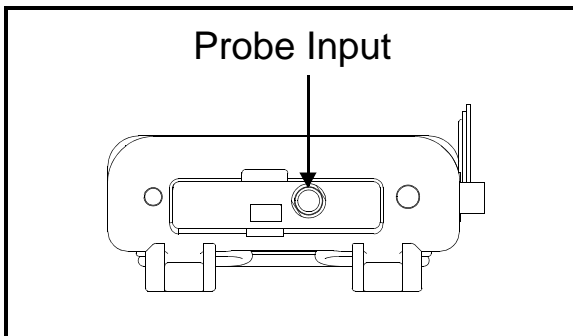


Figure 12: Connection Locations

**WARNING!** TO ENSURE THE SAFE OPERATION OF THE PM880, YOU MUST INSTALL AND OPERATE IT AS DESCRIBED IN THIS MANUAL. IN ADDITION, BE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL APPLICABLE SAFETY CODES AND REGULATIONS FOR INSTALLING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IN YOUR AREA.

## 2.4 Recalling a Site File

To begin taking measurements you must recall the site file that contains data for the measurement site where you want to take measurements.

### 2.4.1 Accessing the Site Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site Manager** and press [ENTER].

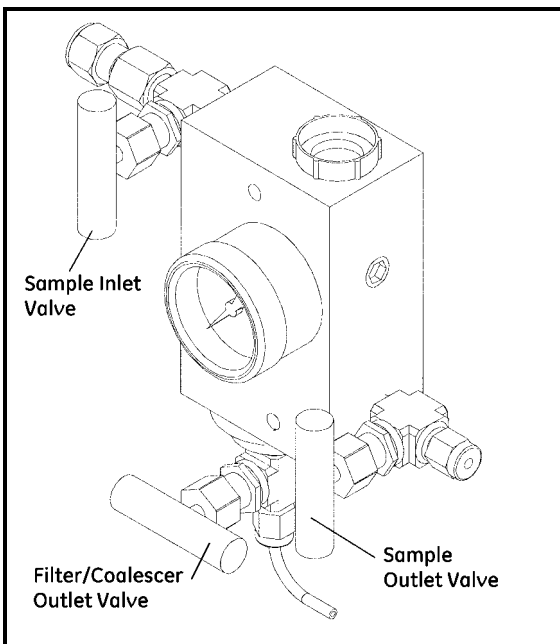
### 2.4.2 Retrieving the Site File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired site and press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Open** and press [ENTER].
4. The PM880 asks you to confirm, press [F3] (Yes).
5. Press [F3] (Exit).
6. Press [MENU]. The PM880 displays the selected site file in the upper-left corner of the screen.

## 2.5 Operating the Sample System

Refer to Figure 13 while performing this procedure.

1. Crack open the sample inlet valve allowing a low volume purge of the sample system.
2. **Very slowly** open the inlet valve allowing it to reach process pressure.
3. Begin closing the filter/coalescer outlet needle valve and the sample outlet valve until both valves are **nearly** closed.
4. Adjust the sample outlet needle valve and the filter/coalescer outlet valve until you feel a slight pressure against your finger at the venting tubes.
5. Open the inlet valve fully. Be sure the flow out of the venting tubes remains the same as in step 4. To prevent physical damage, do not subject the probe to excessive flow.
6. Turn on the PM880.



**Figure 13: Sample System Valve Locations**



## 2.6 Conducting a Leak Test

It is important to eliminate all leaks for safety reasons and to be sure that measurements are not affected by ambient contamination. Use Snoop Leak Detector or a soapy solution to verify that all connections, valves and fittings are leak tight. Tighten any fittings where a leak is detected.

## 2.7 Shutting Down the Sample System

1. Close the sample outlet needle valve.
2. Slowly open the filter/coalescer outlet needle valve several turns to blow out any contaminants that may have accumulated in the coalescer, valve, or venting tube.
3. Slowly close the sample inlet valve and allow the sample system to depressurize at a rate of approximately 10 psig per second.
4. Close the sample tap valve (permanently mounted on the pipeline).
5. Crack the inlet needle valve to relieve the pressure between the sample tap valve and the inlet needle valve.
6. Completely close all three sample system valves.
7. Remove the sample system from the process, while keeping all valves fully closed to avoid moisture contamination from the ambient air.

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## Chapter 3. Using the PM880 Screen

Use the sections that follow to setup and make adjustments to the PM880 screen. This chapter discusses the following:

- Screen Components - page 30
- Setting Up the Screen to Display Measurements - page 32
- Creating Function Key Shortcuts - page 37
- Using the Backlight - page 39
- Adjusting the Contrast - page 41
- Taking a Bitmap Screen Capture (Snapshot) - page 42

### 3.1 Screen Components

The PM880 screen displays various information (see Figure 14). The top line of the screen is the **status bar** that displays the current site, time, date and battery status during normal operation. However, the status bar changes to a **menu bar** during programming.

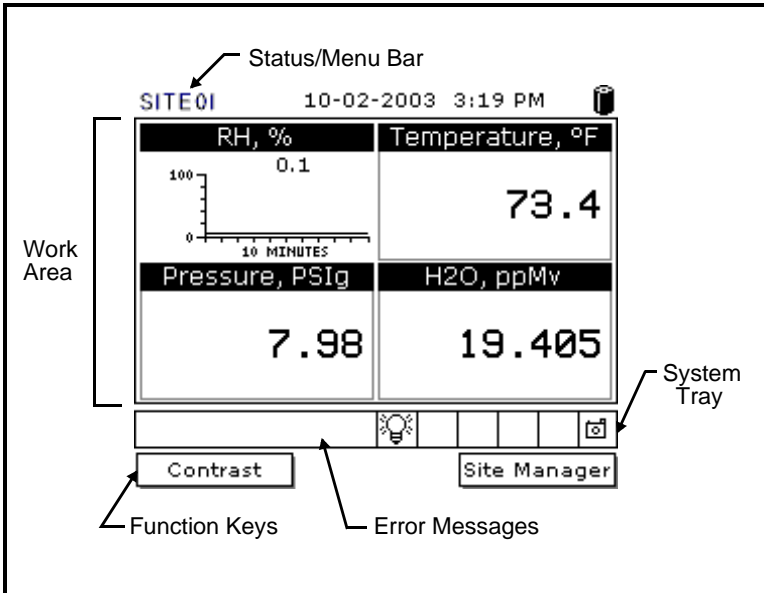









Figure 14: PM880 Screen in Operate Mode

The middle of the screen is the **work area** that displays measurements numerically or as bar or line graphs. During programming, the work area displays menu prompts. The bottom of the screen displays **error messages** (see *Error and Screen Messages* on page 154 for more details), the **system tray**, and the **function keys**.

The system tray displays icons that indicate meter operations not otherwise shown (see Table 1 on page 31 for a list of icons). The three function keys (F1, F2 and F3) have different functions, depending on the task you are performing.

### 3.1 Screen Components (cont.)

Table 1: Icons in the System Tray

Icon	Function	Meaning
	IR Transfer	IR data transfer in progress.
	Alert	Indicates the meter encountered an error in operation.
	Log	Indicates a log is pending (no marks) or running (marks).
	Backlight	Indicates that backlight has been activated.
	Low Battery Alert	Indicates 10 minutes or less of battery run time.
	Snapshot (To file)	Indicates that the Snapshot function has been activated, so users can take screen captures.
	(To Printer)	

## 3.2 Setting Up the Screen to Display Measurements

The PM880 can display one to four measurements simultaneously. After you select how many measurements to display, you can select the type of measurements (dewpoint, temperature, etc.) and the format (numeric, line or bar graph). In addition, the PM880 offers various options for displaying data numerically and graphically.

This section consists of the following:

- Selecting the Number of Views (Measurements) - page 32
- Selecting the Types of Measurements - page 33
- Selecting Numeric, Line or Bar Graph Format - page 34
- Setting Up the Numeric Format - page 34
- Adjusting the Line/Bar Graph Scale - page 36

Use the section(s) that follow to set up the PM880 screen.

### 3.2.1 Selecting the Number of Views (Measurements)

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to move to the desired number of views or measurement windows (1 View, 2 Views, etc.).
4. Press [ENTER] at your selection. The screen displays the designated number of views (measurement windows).

### 3.2.2 Selecting the Types of Measurements

1. Press [SEL] to move the pointer to the window you want to change and press [ENTER].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Measurement** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 15. The left column displays the five measurement types and the right column displays the measurement units.
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired measurement type and press [SEL].
4. Use the arrow keys to select the desired measurement unit (or diagnostic parameter).

**Note:** Press [F3] (*No Unit*) to display a measurement with no units.

5. Press [F3] (OK).
6. Repeat this section for displaying other measurements.

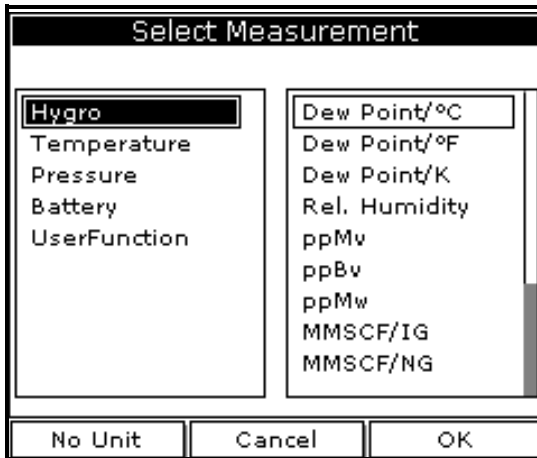


Figure 15: Select Measurement Window

### 3.2.3 Selecting Numeric, Line or Bar Graph Format

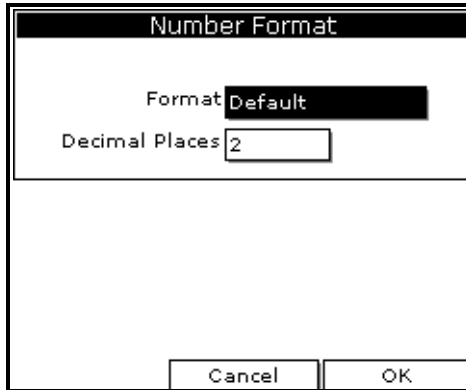
1. Press [SEL] to move the pointer to the window you want to change and press [ENTER].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **View** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to select the desired format and press [ENTER].

The PM880 displays the desired format and returns to taking measurements.

### 3.2.4 Setting Up the Numeric Format

1. Press [SEL] to move the pointer to the window you want to change and press [ENTER].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Format** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 16.

**Note:** If *FORMAT* does not appear in the menu, move to a window that is **not** displaying a line or bar graph, or change the window format to numeric as described in the previous section.



**Figure 16: Number Format Window**



### 3.2.4 Setting Up the Numeric Format (cont.)

3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Format** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to select the desired selection and press [ENTER]. You can select from the following:
  - **Default** - displays the factory default number of decimal digits for the selected measurement.
  - **Fixed Decimal** - specifies how many digits are to the right of the decimal.
  - **Scientific format** - displays the value in mantissa exponent format (expressed to the power of 10).
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for **Decimal Places** or proceed to the next step to exit. You can select from 0 to 4 places.
6. Press [F3] (OK). The PM880 displays the new format and resumes taking measurements.

### 3.2.5 Adjusting the Line/Bar Graph Scale

The scale of the line and bar graph can be adjusted at any time. You can also alter the graph to display details as follows:

1. Press [SEL] to move the pointer to the window you want to change and press [ENTER].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to Limits and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 17 appears

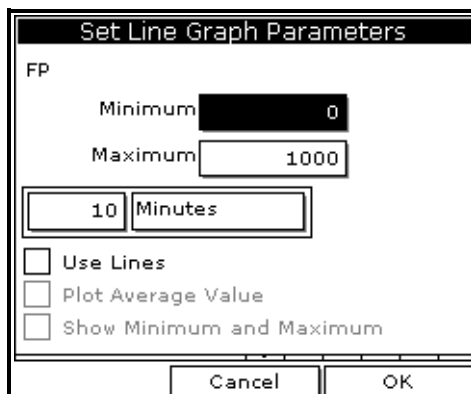


Figure 17: Line Graph Parameters Window

3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to Minimum and press [ENTER].
4. Use the numeric keys to enter the minimum value for the graph and press [ENTER].
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the maximum value.
6. Do one of the following:
  - If you are using a line graph, proceed to step 7.
  - If you are using a bar graph, proceed to step 10.
7. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the time interval and press [ENTER].

### 3.2.5 Adjusting the Line/Bar Graph Scale (cont.)

8. There are two boxes for entering the time interval. The first box is for a number (1, 2, etc.). The second box asks for the interval (seconds, minutes, hours or days). Use the numeric keys or arrow keys to select the desired interval and press [ENTER].
9. The last three selections enable you to enhance the line graph details. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired entry and press [ENTER]. An X in the box activates the option. Choose from the following:
  - Use lines (connect points on graph with lines)
  - Plot average value (not currently available)
  - Show minimum and maximum (not currently available)
10. Press [F3] (OK).

The PM880 displays the new format and returns to taking measurements.

### 3.3 Creating Function Key Shortcuts

The three function keys at the bottom of the PM880 screen can be customized to provide shortcuts to the most commonly used functions. For example, the F1 key can be assigned to go directly to the Log Manager. Once assigned, a function key can also be cleared. Use the sections below to perform the desired function.

### 3.3.1 Assigning/Re-assigning a Function Key

The function keys can be assigned using two methods as described below.

**Note:** *You can re-assign the function key at any time by assigning a different function.*

#### 3.3.1a Method 1: Using the Site Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **FKeys** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired key and press [ENTER].
5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired function from the displayed list.
6. Press [F3] (YES).

The PM880 returns to taking measurements. The newly assigned function appears above the assigned function key.

#### 3.3.1b Method 2: Using the Program Menus

1. Use the keypad to go to the function that you want to assign to the function key.
2. Press the desired function key. A window appears with the question, "Assign current menu command (XX) to FKeyX?"
3. Press [F3] (OK).

The PM880 returns to taking measurements. The newly assigned function appears above the assigned function key.

### 3.3.2 Clearing a Function Key

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **FKeys** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Clear F1 (F2 or F3)** and press [ENTER].

The PM880 returns to taking measurements. The previously assigned function is erased.

## 3.4 Using the Backlight

The PM880 has a backlight that helps in viewing data. Since the backlight uses more energy, the PM880 has a backlight timer that can be set to automatically turn the backlight off after a specified time, in order to conserve battery life. The PM880 also enables you to turn the backlight on and off manually. Use the sections that follow to operate the backlight.

### 3.4.1 Turning the Backlight On and Off Manually

To manually turn the backlight:

- **On** - press any key on the keypad and the backlight will stay on for the programmed interval. You can also press the power key briefly (about one-half second) and the backlight will stay on for 30 minutes.
- **Off** - press the red power key briefly (about one-half second).

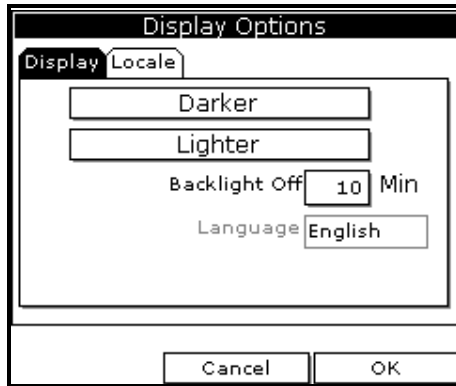
### 3.4.2 Setting the Backlight Timer

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Backlight** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Backlight Off** and press [ENTER].
5. Use the numeric keys to enter the number of minutes that the backlight remains on (from 0 to 60).
6. Press [ENTER] to confirm the entry.
7. When you are done, press [F3] (OK). The PM880 returns to taking measurements.

### 3.5 Adjusting the Contrast

To adjust the screen contrast:

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Contrast** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 18 appears.



**Figure 18: Display Options Window**

4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Darker** or **Lighter**.
5. Press the [ENTER] button repeatedly until the screen has the desired contrast.
6. When you are done, press [F3] (OK).

The PM880 returns to taking measurements.

## 3.6 Taking a Bitmap Screen Capture - Snapshot

The Snapshot option enables you to take a screen capture of the current screen in bitmap format (.bmp). Bitmaps can be stored in a file or sent directly to a printer. To take a “snapshot” of the screen:

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Snapshot** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired selection and press [ENTER]. You can choose from the following:
  - **Off** - to turn the snapshot feature off.
  - **To Printer** - to send the snapshot to the printer.
  - **To File** - to send the snapshot to a file.

**Note:** *In order to send a screen capture to a printer, the PM880 must be properly configured to IR transfer. Refer to Setting Up the PM880 IR Communications on page 110.*

An icon of a printer or camera appears on the system tray (see page 31) indicating that you have activated the Snapshot option.

5. To capture a screen, press the “.” (decimal) button twice. The meter displays a clock and the message “Screen Dump,” indicating that it is performing a screen capture.

**Note:** *The snapshot function is deactivated once the power is turned off.*



### 3.6 Using Bitmap Screen Capture - Snapshot (cont.)

6. If you selected:

- **To Printer** - the PM880 indicates it is looking for a receiving printer and then transmits the file.

**Note:** *If the sensor cannot locate a printer, a window appears indicating that it cannot find a device. If it locates more than one compatible infrared device within its range, it asks you to select the desired device.*

- **To File** - the captured file appears as *ScreenXX.bmp* in the Drive Manager. To transfer the file to a PC, follow the instructions in *Transferring a File to a PC* on page 124.

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## Chapter 4. Using Special Features

The PM880 has a variety of other features to make operation even more convenient. Below are some of the features available. For other features related to testing and service functions, refer to Chapter 8, *Maintenance and Troubleshooting*.

- Selecting English or Metric Units - page 46
- Entering Date and Time - page 46
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## 4.1 Selecting English or Metric Units

The PM880 enables you to select either English or Metric for global measurement units. The selected units become the default settings for every measurement with the metric/English option. To select measurement units:

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Units** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired units and press [ENTER].
5. Press [F3] (OK) and then [MENU].

The PM880 returns to taking measurements.

## 4.2 Entering Date and Time

The PM880 displays the current date and time above the measurements in the upper right corner of the screen. The Date/Time command enables you to set the date or time. The current date and time are required for correct data logging operation.

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Date/Time** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Date** and press [ENTER].
5. Use the numeric and arrow keys to enter the current month, day and year, and press [ENTER].
6. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Time** and press [ENTER].
7. Use the numeric and arrow keys to enter the current time and press [ENTER].
8. Press [F3] (OK) and then [MENU].

The PM880 returns to taking measurements. The new date and time are displayed.

## 4.3 Changing Date and Time Appearance

In addition to setting the correct date and time, you can also change its presentation to suit local preferences. You can select from various date formats and a time display of AM/PM or 24-hour time. Use the following steps to alter the date and time display:

### 4.3.1 Accessing the Locale Tab

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Locale** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 19 appears.

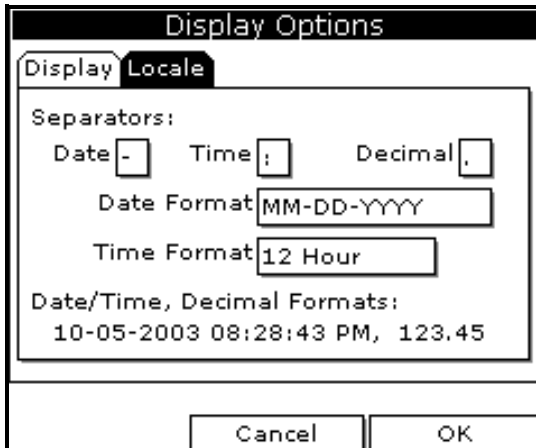


Figure 19: Locale Tab

## 4.3 Changing Date and Time Appearance (cont.)

### 4.3.1 Selecting the Separator

1. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the date separator and press [ENTER].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired separator and press [ENTER].
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the other separators.

### 4.3.2 Selecting the Date/Time Format

1. Use the arrow keys to scroll to Date Format and press [ENTER].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired format and press [ENTER].
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the time format.
4. Press [F3] (OK) and then press [MENU].

The PM880 returns to taking measurements. The new date and time formats are displayed.

## 4.4 Adding a Message to a Site File

The Site Manager has a command that enables you to enter a message or description for each site file (up to 30 characters). The Site Manager displays the site message with the other file information. Use the following steps to add a site message:

### 4.4.1 Accessing the Site Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 4.4.2 Selecting a Site File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired site.

**Note:** *The list of site files in the Site Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Message** and press [ENTER].

### 4.4.3 Entering a Site Message

1. Press [F1] (**Delete**) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired letter or number and press [ENTER]. To change case or use special characters, press [SEL] to change the character pages.
2. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired site message.
3. When you have finished, press [F3] (**OK**).

New site information is displayed when the site is selected in Site Manager.

4. Press [F3] (**Exit**).

## 4.5 Setting a Probe Calibration Reminder

The Probe ID command enables you to enter the probe serial number, calibration dates and a calibration reminder. Use the following steps to enter probe data:

### 4.5.1 Accessing the Probe ID Tab

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Program** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Calibrate** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the **Probe ID** tab and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 20 appears.

The image shows a graphical user interface for a calibration window. The title bar reads "Calibration - [0123456]". Below the title bar are four tabs: "Hygro", "Pressure", "Saturation", and "Probe ID". The "Probe ID" tab is selected and highlighted. The main area contains three input fields: "S/N:" with the value "123456" and a "PR" button; "Calibrated On:" with the date "01-01-2003"; and "Cal Reminder:" with the value "12 Months". At the bottom of the window are two buttons: "Cancel" and "OK".

Figure 20: Probe ID Window



## 4.5 Setting a Probe Calibration Reminder (cont.)

### 4.5.1 Entering Probe Information

1. Use the arrow keys to scroll to S/N and press [ENTER].
2. Use the numeric keys to enter the serial number from the Calibration Data Sheet and press [ENTER]. The serial number is also scribed on the hex nut of the moisture probe.
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the suffix box and press [ENTER] to open the drop-down list.
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired suffix and press [ENTER].
5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to Calibrated On and press [ENTER].
6. Use the numeric and arrow keys to enter the most recent calibration date. When you have entered the desired month, day and year, press [ENTER].

**Note:** *Refer to the calibration data sheet for the most recent calibration date.*

7. Use the arrow keys to move to Cal Reminder and press [ENTER]. This prompt asks you to select a time period for the next probe calibration. The PM880 will display a calibration reminder for the probe based on the last calibration date. GE recommends recalibrating a probe a minimum of once a year.
8. Use the arrow keys to move to the desired selection and press [ENTER].
9. Press [F3] (OK) and then [MENU].

The PM880 returns to taking measurements.

The calibration reminder is part of the site file; therefore, if you are not planning to make any more changes to the site file, you should save the new changes. Refer to *Saving a New Site File* on page 96.

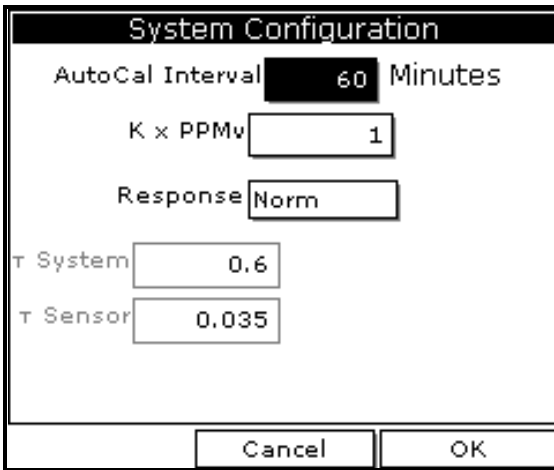
## 4.6 Using Automatic Calibration (AutoCal)

The PM880 automatically calibrates the moisture and pressure measurement circuitry (AutoCal) at a user-selected interval. Autocal compensates for any drift in the electronics. GE recommends setting the AutoCal interval to 8 hours. Set a smaller AutoCal interval more frequently if the meter is exposed to extreme temperatures or weather conditions.

**Note:** *If you are using only Moisture Image Series (MIS) probes to measure moisture, the System Menu is not available.*

Use the steps below to enter an AutoCal interval:

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to Program and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to System and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 21 appears.



The screenshot shows a 'System Configuration' window with the following settings:

Parameter	Value
AutoCal Interval	60 Minutes
K x PPMv	1
Response	Norm
T System	0.6
T Sensor	0.035

At the bottom of the window are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'OK'.

Figure 21: System Configuration Window

## 4.6 Using Automatic Calibration (AutoCal) (cont.)

4. If necessary, use the arrow keys to move to the AutoCal Interval text box.
5. Press [ENTER] to open the text box. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired value (in minutes) and press [ENTER].

**Note:** *GE recommends setting the Autocal interval to 8 hours (480 minutes).*

The next time AutoCal occurs will depend on the length of the time interval that was selected. See the example below.

### **EXAMPLE:**

The PM880 establishes a fixed schedule, beginning at midnight, using the interval specified to determine the times of subsequent AutoCals. If you enter an 8 hour time interval, AutoCal will occur 3 times per day (1 day = 1440 minutes/480 minutes = 3). The fixed schedule will be as follows:

1. 8:00 a.m.
2. 4:00 p.m.
3. 12:00 a.m. (midnight)

If you set the 8 hour AutoCal interval at 8:10 a.m., the next AutoCal will occur at 4:00 p.m. (excluding the AutoCal performed when first leaving the System Configuration window).

Next, do one of the following:

- Use the arrow keys to move to another text box and enter additional data.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (OK) and then [MENU].

## 4.7 Entering Constants and User Functions

The PM880 enables you to enter two types of constants, a user constant and a saturation constant, as well as user-defined functions and tables to manipulate data.

A user constant is a fixed value that is used to multiply the moisture ppm value ( $K \times \text{PPM}_v$ ). A saturation constant is used to calculate PPM<sub>w</sub> in non-aqueous liquids. If you do not know the saturation constant of the liquid, contact the factory.

To extend programming capability, user functions enable you to program up to 8 mathematical equations. The PM880 also enables you to enter up to 6 tables of non-linear or empirical data to support user function equations.

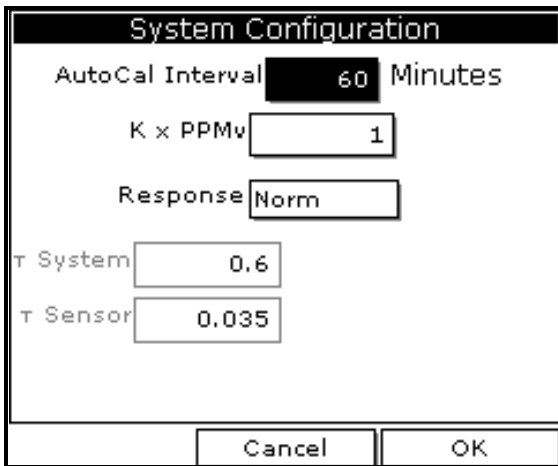
This section consists of the following information:

- Entering a User Constant - page 55
- Entering a Saturation Constant - page 56
- Entering User Functions - page 58
- Setting Up User Tables - page 62

## 4.8 Entering a User Constant

Use the following steps to enter a user constant. The default multiplier is 1.

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Program** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **System** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 22 appears.
4. Use the arrow keys to move to the  $K \times \text{PPM}_v$  text box and press [ENTER].
5. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired value and press [ENTER].



The screenshot shows a 'System Configuration' window with the following settings:

Parameter	Value
AutoCal Interval	60 Minutes
$K \times \text{PPM}_v$	1
Response	Norm
$\tau$ System	0.6
$\tau$ Sensor	0.035

At the bottom of the window are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'OK'.

Figure 22: System Configuration Window

Next, do one of the following:

- Use the arrow keys to move to another text box and enter additional data.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (OK) and then [MENU].

### 4.8.1 Entering a Saturation Constant

The PM880 requires a saturation constant in order to calculate  $\text{ppm}_w$  in non-aqueous liquids. If you do not know the saturation constants of the process liquid sample, contact the factory. To enter a saturation constant (Cs), you must enter 1 to 8 data points to represent a curve of Cs (values) versus temperature.

To enter data for a saturation constant:

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Program** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Calibrate** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Saturation** tab and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 23 appears.

Calibration - [0123456]			
Hygro	Pressure	Saturation	Probe ID
##	Temp C	Cs	
1	----	----	
2	----	----	
3	----	----	
4	----	----	
5	----	----	

Cancel OK

Figure 23: Saturation Window

### 4.8.1 Entering a Saturation Constant (cont.)

5. Press [▼] to move the pointer to the Temp C box in the saturation table and press [ENTER].
6. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired temperature value and press [ENTER].
7. With the Cs text box highlighted, press [ENTER]. Use the numeric keys to enter the corresponding Cs value and press [ENTER].
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 until you have entered the values for each data point.

**Note:** *To insert an additional data point, press [F1] (Insert).  
To delete a data point, press [F2] (Delete).*

9. When you have completed entering values, press [F3] (Exit).

Next, do one of the following:

- Use the arrow keys to scroll to another tab and program additional data (if available, depending on probe type).
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (OK) and then [MENU].

## 4.8.2 Entering User Functions

User functions enable you to program mathematical equations. You can use any parameter in the meter to calculate a different parameter. Use the following steps to enter a user-defined equation:

### 4.8.2a Accessing the User Function Command

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Program** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **User Functions** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 24 appears.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Set User Function". It contains the following elements:

- Function:** A field containing the text "User1".
- Label:** An empty text input field.
- Units Sym:** An empty text input field.
- Dec.:** A field containing the number "2".
- ...**: Three dots indicating a scrollable list.
- Text Area:** A large, empty rectangular box for entering the user function equation.
- Buttons:** A row of three buttons at the bottom: "Delete", "Check", and "Done".

Figure 24: User Functions Window



### 4.8.2b Entering a Label for the Function

1. The Function box should be highlighted. Press [ENTER] to open the drop-down menu.
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired function number (User1, User2, etc.) and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to move to the Label box and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 25 appears.

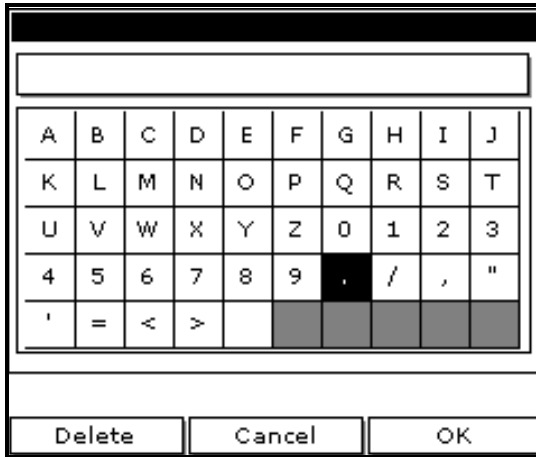


Figure 25: Text Creation Window

4. Press [F1] (Delete) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired character and press [ENTER]. Press [SEL] to view additional character selections and symbols for creating a label for the function.
5. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired units symbol for the function of up to thirty-two characters.
6. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK).

## 4.8.2 Entering User Functions (cont.)

### 4.8.2c *Entering the Units*

The steps below describe how to create a units symbol (e.g. degrees C). This label will appear on the screen when you display the user function measurement.

1. Use the arrow keys to move to the Units Sym box and press [ENTER]. The text creation screen appears again.
2. Press [SEL] to view the three screens with the available characters and symbols for creating the symbol for the units.
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired character and press [ENTER]. Press [F1] (Delete) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers. Press [SEL] to view additional character selections and symbols for creating a label for the function.
4. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired label for the function of up to thirty-two characters.
5. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK).

### 4.8.2d *Selecting Decimal Digits*

1. Use the arrow keys to move to the Dec box and press [ENTER] to open the drop-down menu.
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired value (0-4) and press [ENTER]. This value refers to the number of digits to the right of the decimal point.

### 4.8.2e Entering an Equation

1. Use the arrow keys to move to the blank box at the bottom of the screen and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 26 appears.
2. Press [SEL] to view additional characters, symbols and functions for creating an equation.
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired character and press [ENTER]. Press [F1] (Delete) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers.

**IMPORTANT:** *To enter a measurement (dewpoint, temperature, etc.) into the equation, click on MODE in the middle of the third row. The Select Measurement window appears. Select the desired measurements, press [SEL], select the desired units and press [F3] (OK).*

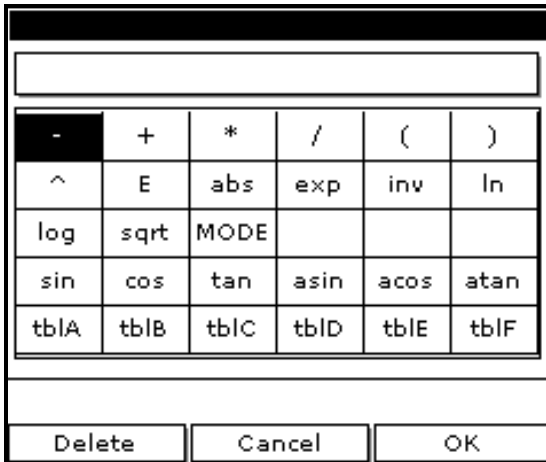


Figure 26: Function Creation Window

#### 4.8.2e Entering an Equation (cont.)

4. When you have finished entering the equation, press [F3] (OK).
5. Press [F2] (Check) to test the validity of the function. The PM880 displays either “OK” or a message such as “Syntax Error.”
6. Do one of the following:
  - To edit the equation, press [ENTER].
  - To delete the equation, press [F1] (Delete).
  - To confirm the equation and return taking measurements, press [F3] (Done) and then press [MENU].

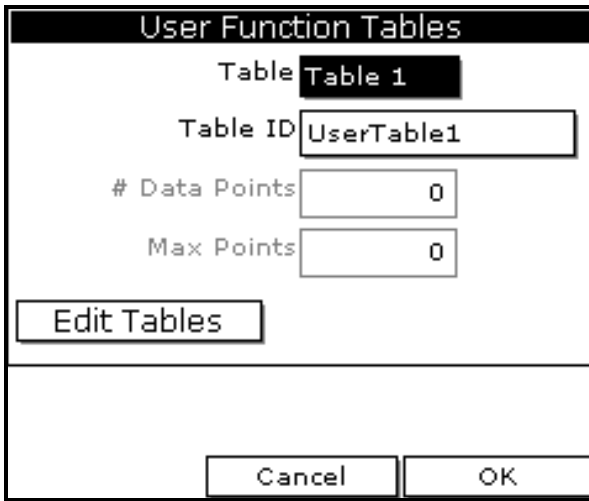
**Note:** *To display the user function on the screen, refer to Displaying Measurements on page 15. In the Select Measurement window, choose Userfunction and then the units you entered above.*

### 4.8.3 Setting Up User Tables

To support user-defined functions, the PM880 can hold up to 6 tables of non-linear or empirical data. Users can enter up to 21 X-Y pairs in each table. The user functions can supply an X value with Table (X). The meter then interpolates the Y value for a given X, and substitutes it for Table (X) in the function. (The results are extrapolated if the X value exceeds the bounds of the table.) Use the following steps to set up a user table:

### 4.8.3a Accessing the User Tables Command

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to Meter and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to User Tables and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 27 appears.



The screenshot shows a window titled "User Function Tables". Inside the window, the following fields and buttons are visible:

- Table **Table 1**
- Table ID:
- # Data Points:
- Max Points:
- 
- 
- 

Figure 27: User Tables Window

### 4.8.3b Entering a Label for the Table

1. The Table box should be highlighted. Press [ENTER] to open the drop-down menu.
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired table number and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to move to the Table ID box and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 28 appears.

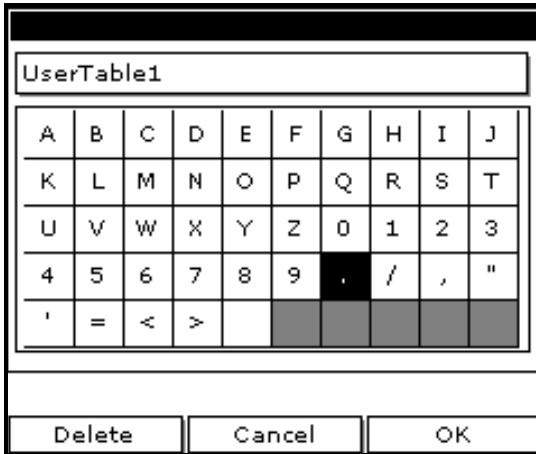


Figure 28: Text Creation Window

4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired character and press [ENTER]. Press [F1] (Delete) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers. Press [SEL] to view the three screens with the available characters and symbols for creating a label for the table.
5. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired label for the table of up to thirty-two characters.
6. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK).

**Note:** It is not necessary to enter the “#Data Points” or “Max Points” text boxes. The meter automatically enters this data.

### 4.8.3 Setting Up User Tables (cont.)

#### 4.8.3c *Editing the User Table*

1. Use the arrow keys to move to Edit Tables box and press [ENTER].
2. Press [▼] to move the pointer to the 1/Table ID column.
3. Press [ENTER] to open the text box. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired value and press [ENTER].
4. Press [▶] to move to the next text box, and press [ENTER]. Use the numeric keys to enter the corresponding value and press [ENTER].
5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to additional data points and repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 until you have entered the values for each data point.
6. When you have completed entering values, press [F3] (OK).
7. To confirm the table and return taking measurements, press [F3] (OK) and then press [MENU].

## 4.9 Using Computer Enhanced Response

Computer Enhanced Response (CER) uses a dynamic moisture calibration technique to extrapolate the moisture level to the end point when making measurements in abrupt “dry down” conditions. The system response time depends on the relative change in dewpoint. For a change from ambient moisture levels to trace levels, the unit can respond in 3 to 5 minutes.

The accuracy of enhanced response is  $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  of the reading the sensor would have read if it were allowed to reach equilibrium with the gas. To ensure that CER is as accurate as possible, your application should:

- have a reasonably constant final dewpoint and flow rate.
- have a minimum flow rate of one standard cubic foot per hour (SCFH).
- operate at atmospheric pressure (0 psig).
- have an actual moisture content equal to or wetter than a dew/frost point of
  - MIS Probe:  $-85^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - M Series and TF Series Probe:  $-110^{\circ}\text{C}$

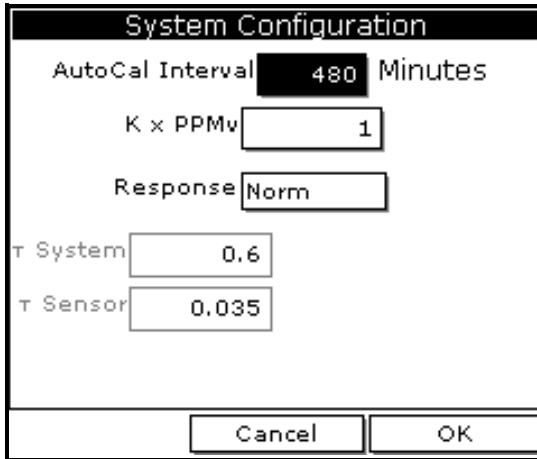
Use the steps below to activate computer enhanced response:

### 4.9.0a *Accessing the Response Command*

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Program** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **System** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 29 on page 67 appears.



#### 4.9.0a Accessing the Response Command (cont.)



The image shows a 'System Configuration' window with the following fields and values:

Field	Value
AutoCal Interval	480 Minutes
K x PPMv	1
Response	Norm
τ System	0.6
τ Sensor	0.035

At the bottom of the window are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'OK'.

Figure 29: System Configuration Window

#### 4.9.0b Selecting the Response Type

1. Use the arrow keys to move to the Response box and press [ENTER] to open the drop-down menu.
2. Use the arrow key to select the desired response type and press [ENTER]. You can choose from the following:
  - NORM - no computer enhanced response
  - CER - enable computer enhanced response
3. To return to taking measurements, press [F3] (OK) and then press [MENU].

## 4.9.1 Response Time Procedure

To effectively utilize CER, the following procedure should be followed:

1. Connect the moisture probe cable to the moisture probe.
2. Turn on the PM880 Hygrometer and activate CER per the instructions in the previous section.
3. Expose the moisture probe to the ambient air for approximately ten (10) minutes. This is the minimum amount of time needed for the sensing element to reach the equilibrium required for CER to operate properly.

**Note:** *The PM880 should display a dewpoint temperature reading in the range of 0°C to +14°C, depending on the local ambient conditions. If the dewpoint temperature exceeds +20°C, relocate the moisture probe to a drier environment to reduce the dewpoint temperature.*

Before using CER, it is necessary to purge the pressure regulator, sample tubing, and sample cell to remove trapped water molecules from the various surfaces.

**Note:** *The moisture probe should not be installed in the sample cell during this purge cycle. A blank probe mount can be used as a plug for the sample cell.*

4. Attach the sample gas line to a pressure regulator (set regulate to 0 psig) and sample cell with appropriate tubing (stainless steel is recommended), and allow the gas flow to purge the system.
5. After purging, remove the blank probe mount from the sample cell and install the moisture probe.

**Note:** *Do not disconnect the moisture probe cable from the moisture probe.*

### 4.9.1 Response Time Procedure (cont.)

The PM880 will display the actual dewpoint temperature during the initial dry-down. The display will indicate a bold “E” in the system tray which means the PM880 is in CER mode. After 2 to 5 minutes, the PM880 will perform its initial predicted calculation of the equilibrium dewpoint temperature. When the prediction is made, the display will indicate an “E” in inverse text (ie. dark background) in the system tray.

6. Continue to monitor the readings, as the PM880 will continue to update its prediction and record the reading once stabilized.

**Note:** *If the dewpoint temperature increases to a wetter value during the dry down, the PM880 may not report a prediction and the bold “E” will remain on the display. This indicates an unstable moisture content in the gas. Verify that the system is leak tight and repeat this process.*

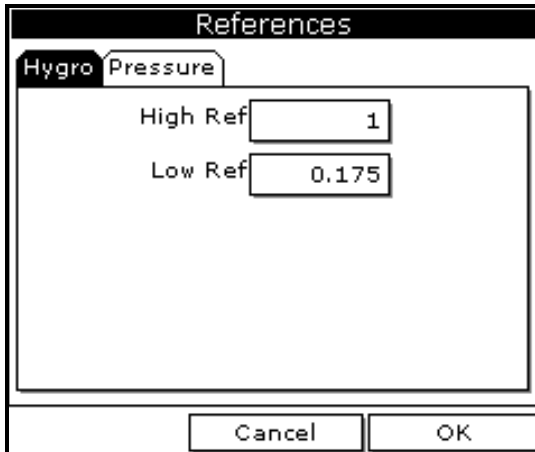
## 4.10 Entering Reference Data

**WARNING! DO NOT CHANGE THESE VALUES UNLESS INSTRUCTED BY GE TO DO SO.**

The PM880 requires reference values for its measurement circuitry for moisture and pressure inputs. The references are factory calibration values. These values can be found on the label located inside the battery compartment.

If instructed by GE to change these values, use the following steps.

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **References** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 30.



**Figure 30: References Window**

## 4.10 Entering Reference Data (cont.)

4. Use the arrow keys to move to the desired tab and press [ENTER].
5. Use the arrow keys to move to High Ref and press [ENTER] to open the text box.
6. Use the numeric keys to enter the value recorded on the back of the PM880 and press [ENTER].
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 for the low reference value.

Next, do one of the following:

- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] and then [MENU].
- If you need to change values, use the arrow keys to move to the other tab and return to step 5 above.

## 4.11 Using Sleep Mode

The Sleep Mode keeps the PM880 in a state in which the unit appears to be off. During Sleep Mode the unit is idle and consumes less power. When you want to use the unit again, it comes out of Sleep Mode quickly, performs an AutoCal and is restored exactly as you left it.

### 4.11.1 Placing the PM880 in Sleep Mode

1. Press the red power key for 3 seconds. The screen now appears similar to Figure 31.
2. Press [F2] to place the PM880 in Sleep Mode.

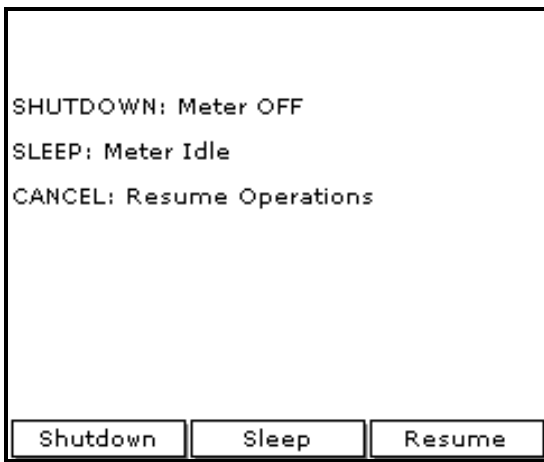


Figure 31: Shutdown Menu

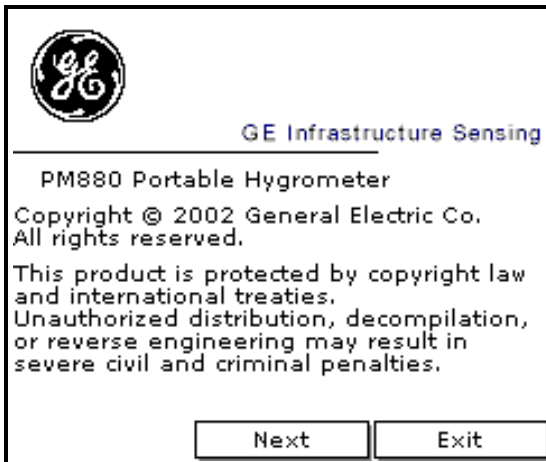
### 4.11.2 Resuming Operation

Tap the red power key. The PM880 powers on, performs an AutoCal and returns to exactly where you left it.

## 4.12 Displaying Meter Information

The About command displays software information and other useful data specific to your meter. Use the following steps to display meter information:

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **About** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 32 appears.



**Figure 32: About Window**

4. Press [F2] (**Next**) to list additional data such as the boot program, instrument program, FPGA (timing) program, language, help version, serial number and PCI number.
5. Press [F3] (**Exit**) and then press [MENU].

The PM880 returns to taking measurements.

## 4.13 Changing the Display Language

The PM880 user program is available in several languages. To change the language:

**Note:** *The PM880 defaults to US English. However, one or more alternate languages can be installed at any time. Consult your GE representative or [www.ge-mcs.com](http://www.ge-mcs.com) for available languages.*

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].

Use the arrow key to scroll to **Language** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 33 appears.

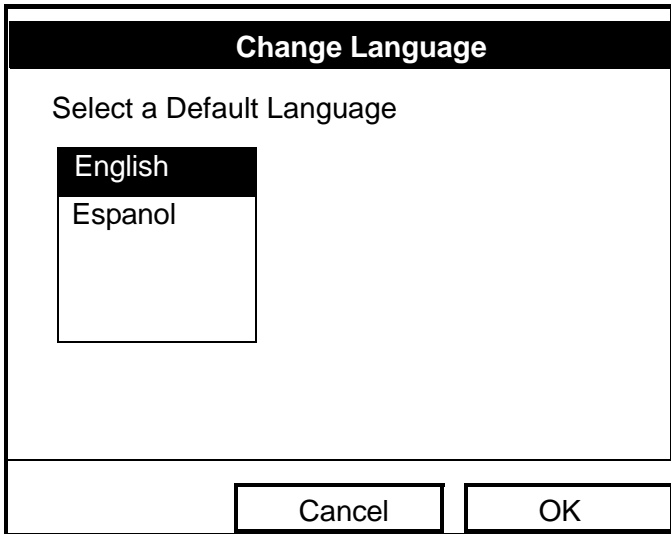


Figure 33: Language Change Window

3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired language and press [ENTER].
4. Press [F3] (OK) and then press [MENU].

The meter restarts in the desired language.



## 4.14 Using On-Line Help

The PM880 offers on-line help screens that contain descriptions and instructions for various topics. You can access on-line help at any time by pressing the [?] key. The on-line help screen that appears depends on what the meter is doing at the time the [?] key is pushed. While:

- taking measurements - the on-line help screen displays a table of contents.
- in the user program - the on-line help screen displays the help screen relevant to the program menu.

Use the function keys at the bottom of the screen to navigate through on-line help.

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## Chapter 5. Logging Data

Data logging is one of the PM880's most powerful and flexible features. The meter enables you to choose up to 12 measurements to log. Logs can run one at a time or simultaneously. Error and circular logs are also available. The logged data is internally stored in battery-backed-up memory.

A fixed amount of memory is assigned to store logs. The frequency of the time interval, the length of the log run, and the number of logs affect the amount of memory required for a particular log. For example, a 2 hour log that records every 5 seconds will use up more memory than a 2 hour log that records every 5 minutes.

The PM880 also has various tools to enable the following:

- setting up a new log - page 78
- pausing a log - page 82
- starting and restarting a log - page 83
- ending a log - page 84
- viewing all logs - page 85
- viewing log setup details - page 86
- viewing logged data in graph or spreadsheet format - page 88

The PM880 has additional logging capabilities. For more details on these functions refer to Chapter 6, *Managing Files* and Chapter 7, *Using the PM880 with a PC and Printer*.

## 5.1 Setting Up a New Log

Use the following steps to create a new log.

**Note:** *If you need to create a log file that is similar to one you have already created, you can save time by copying the existing log and editing it. Refer to Copying a Log on page 103.*

### 5.1.1 Creating a New Log

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to Logging and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to New Log and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 34 appears.

**Note:** *You can also create a new log by scrolling to Log Manager, press [ENTER], press [MENU], scroll to File, press [ENTER], scroll to New and press [ENTER].*

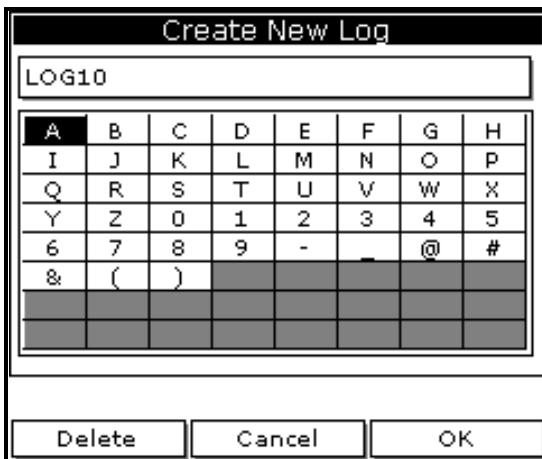
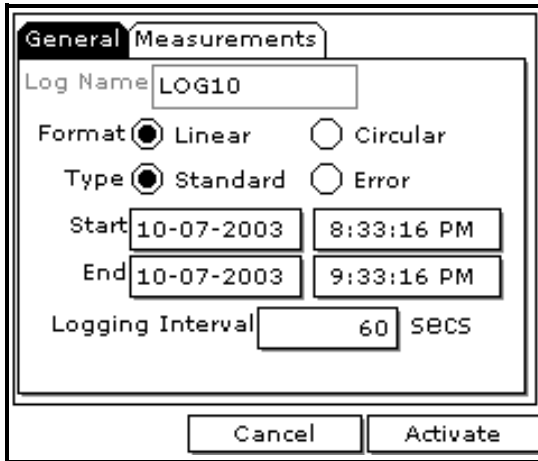


Figure 34: New Log Window

## 5.1.2 Entering a Log Name

1. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired letter or number and press [ENTER]. Press [F1] (Delete) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers.
2. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired log name of up to eight characters.
3. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK). A screen similar to Figure 35 appears.



The screenshot shows a window titled "General" with a sub-tab "Measurements". The "Log Name" field contains "LOG10". The "Format" section has "Linear" selected with a radio button, and "Circular" is unselected. The "Type" section has "Standard" selected with a radio button, and "Error" is unselected. The "Start" field is split into two boxes: "10-07-2003" and "8:33:16 PM". The "End" field is split into two boxes: "10-07-2003" and "9:33:16 PM". The "Logging Interval" field contains "60" followed by "SECS". At the bottom of the window are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Activate".

Figure 35: General Log Format Window

## 5.1 Setting up a New Log (cont.)

### 5.1.1 Selecting General Log Settings

1. The **General** tab displays various parameters for log setup. Use the [▼] key to scroll to **Format** and do the following:
  - Use the arrow keys to make a selection and press [ENTER]. Use the same procedure for **Type**.
  - To edit text boxes, scroll to the box and press [ENTER]. Use the [◀] and [▶] keys to scroll to the number to change and use the numeric keys to change the number and press [ENTER].

**Note:** *If you choose to run a circular log, you will need to enter the number of records you want to log instead of an end date and time.*
2. Use the arrow keys to move to the **Measurements** tab and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 36 appears.

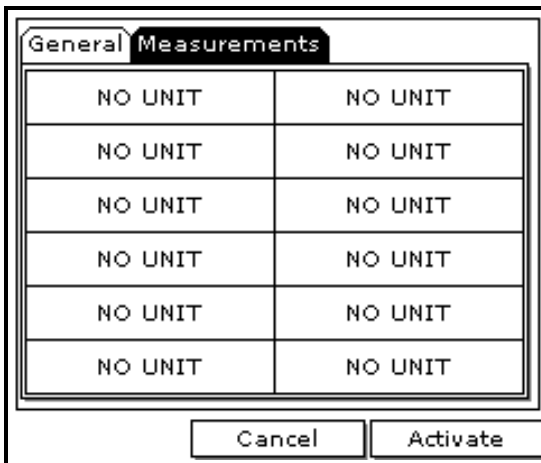


Figure 36: Log Measurements Window

## 5.1.2 Selecting a Measurement to Log

1. Use the [▼] key to step to a box and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 37 appears.

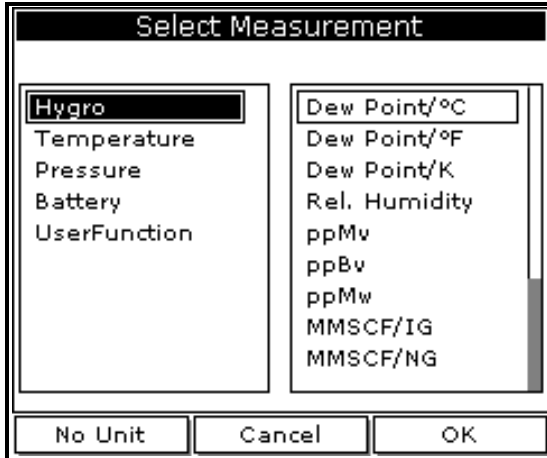


Figure 37: Select Measurement Window

2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired measurement type and press [SEL].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired units and press [F3] (OK).
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 for up to 12 different parameters.
5. When you have finished, press [F3] (Activate) to start the log. The log will begin at the specified date and time.

**Note:** *If you created the log from within the Log Manager, the meter returns to the Log Manager, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU].*

The PM880 returns to taking measurements. A Pencil icon appears in the bottom right-hand side of the screen.

## 5.2 Pausing a Log

The PM880 has two commands to pause logs: **Pause** and **Pause All Logs**. The PM880 can only pause logs that are currently running.

**Note:** *The PM880 also has an **End** command that enables you to stop the log permanently. See **Ending a Log** on page 84.*

Use the steps below to pause one or more logs:

### 5.2.0a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 5.2.0b Selecting a Log File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired log.

**Note:** *The list of log files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to **Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager** on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Pause** or **Pause All Logs** and press [ENTER].

The PM880 returns to the Log Manager, which displays the selected log as *Paused*.

Next, do one of the following:

- To pause another log, repeat the above steps.
- To return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and press [MENU].



## 5.3 Starting or Restarting a Log

The **Start** and **Start All Logs** commands enable you to restart a paused log or start a pending log.

**Note:** *You cannot restart a log that is completed or ended using the **End** command.*

Use the following steps to start or restart one or more logs:

### 5.3.0a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 5.3.0b Selecting a Log File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired log.

**Note:** *The list of log files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Start** or **Start All Logs** and press [ENTER].

The PM880 returns to the Log Manager, which displays the selected log as *Running* or *Pending*.

Next, do one of the following:

- To start or restart another log, repeat the above steps.
- To return to taking measurements, press [F3] (**Exit**) and then press [MENU].

## 5.4 Ending a Log

The **End** and **End All Logs** commands enables you to stop a log that is currently running or pending. Once you end a log it cannot be restarted.

**Note:** *The PM880 also has an **Pause** command that enables you to stop the log temporarily. See Pausing a Log on page 82.*

Use the following steps to start or restart one or more logs:

### 5.4.0a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 5.4.0b Selecting a Log File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired log.

**Note:** *The list of log files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **End** or **End All Logs** and press [ENTER].

The PM880 returns to the Log Manager, which displays the selected log as *Finished*.

Next, do one of the following:

- To end another log, repeat the above steps.
- To return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU].

## 5.5 Viewing All Logs

Logs are associated with the site in use at the time the log is created (or run). By default, the Log Manager displays only the logs created with the site file that is currently running. The Log Manager has a command that enables you to view all existing logs regardless of the current site file.

Use the following steps to view all existing logs (finished or pending):

### 5.5.0a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].
4. Press [MENU].
5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Log** and press [ENTER].
6. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **View All Sites** and press [ENTER].
7. To return to taking measurements, press [F3] (**Exit**) and then press [MENU].

## 5.6 Viewing Log Setup Details

The PM880 enables you to view more than the log details shown in Log Manager. The Details command enables you to see the log status, date and time, length, interval, types of measurements logged and service information.

### 5.6.0a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 5.6.0b Selecting a Log

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired log. Logs are associated with the site file in use at the time the log is created or run. If you do not see the desired log in the list, refer to *Viewing All Logs* on page 85 to display all the existing logs.

**Note:** *The list of log files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **View** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Details** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 38 on page 87 appears.
5. When you are done viewing the log details, press [F3] (Exit).

## 5.6 Viewing Log Setup Details (cont.)

Next, do one of the following:

- To view the details of another log, press [ESC] and return to *Selecting a Log* on page 86.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU].

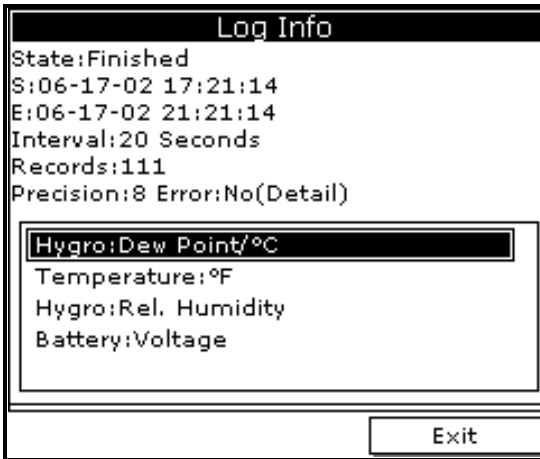


Figure 38: Log Details

## 5.7 Displaying Logged Data

The PM880 enables you to view logged data in a graph or spreadsheet format. Graphs and spreadsheets are set up in the Log Manager. Use the steps below to access the Log Manager and view logged data.

### 5.7.0a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].
4. To view logged data in:
  - graph format, refer to *Using the Graph Format* below.
  - spreadsheet format, refer to *Using the Spreadsheet Format* on page 92.

### 5.7.1 Using the Graph Format

#### 5.7.1a Selecting a Log

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired log. Logs are associated with the site file in use at the time the log is created or run. If you do not see the desired log in the list, refer to *Viewing All Logs* on page 85 and display all the existing logs in the Log Manager.

**Note:** *The list of log files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to *Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager* on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **View** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Graph** and press [ENTER].

### 5.7.1b Selecting a Measurement Parameter

1. The Select Measurement window appears and lists the log measurement parameters. Use the arrow keys to select the measurement parameter to graph.

**Note:** *The above step will not appear if the log consists of one measurement type. Skip to step 3.*

2. Press [F3], View. A screen similar to Figure 39 appears.
3. Do one of the following:
  - To adjust the graph scale, press [F1] (Scale) and go to page 90.
  - To adjust the time scale, press [F2] (Time) and go to page 91.
  - To view the next measurement in the log, press [SEL].
  - To zoom in and out by 200%, press [▼] to zoom in and [▲] to zoom out. when zoomed, use the [◀] and [▶] keys to scroll through the graph. The screen displays the range when zoomed. See Figure 39.
  - To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) twice and then press [MENU].

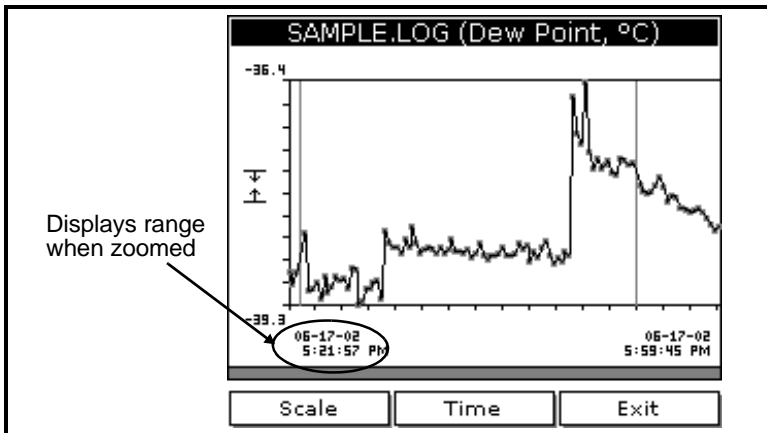


Figure 39: Log Graph Display Window

## 5.7.1 Using the Graph Format (cont.)

### 5.7.1c *Adjusting the Graph Scale*

1. The Y-Axis window appears. Use the arrow keys to scroll to one of the following and press [ENTER]:
  - **Max** - the graph extends to highest logged value.
  - **Range** - the graph extends from the lowest to the highest logged value.
  - **Set** - the graph extends between a specified minimum and maximum value.
2. Do one of the following:
  - If you selected **Max** or **Range**, proceed to step 6.
  - If you selected **Set**, proceed to the next step.
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the Minimum text box and press [ENTER].
4. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired value and press [ENTER].
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to enter the Maximum value.
6. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK) to exit and view the graph.

Next, do one of the following:

- To return to the Log Manager and view another log, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU]. Return to *Using the Graph Format* on page 88.
- To view logs using the spreadsheet format, press [F3] (Exit), then press [MENU] and proceed to *Using the Spreadsheet Format* on page 92.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) twice and then press [MENU].



### 5.7.1d Adjusting the Time Scale

1. The Enter Time window appears. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired text box. Press [ENTER] to open the box.
2. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired number and press [ENTER].
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for other entries.
4. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK) to exit and view the graph.

Next, do one of the following:

- To return to the Log Manager and view another log, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU]. Return to *Using the Graph Format* on page 88.
- To view logs using the spreadsheet format, press [F3] (Exit), then press [MENU] and proceed to *Using the Spreadsheet Format* on page 92.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) twice and then press [MENU].

## 5.7.2 Using the Spreadsheet Format

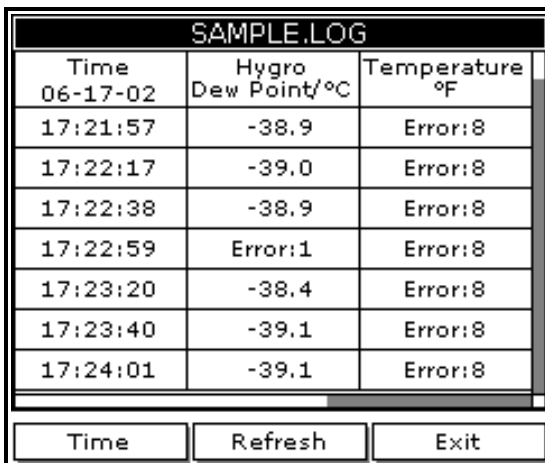
1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired log. Logs are associated with the site file in use at the time the log is created or run. If you do not see the desired log in the list, refer to *Viewing All Logs* on page 85 to display all the existing logs.

**Note:** *The list of log files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].

Use the arrow key to scroll to View and press [ENTER].

3. Use the arrow key to scroll to Spreadsheet and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 40 appears.



SAMPLE.LOG		
Time	Hygro Dew Point/°C	Temperature °F
06-17-02		
17:21:57	-38.9	Error:8
17:22:17	-39.0	Error:8
17:22:38	-38.9	Error:8
17:22:59	Error:1	Error:8
17:23:20	-38.4	Error:8
17:23:40	-39.1	Error:8
17:24:01	-39.1	Error:8

Time Refresh Exit

Figure 40: Log Spreadsheet Window

### 5.7.2 Using the Spreadsheet Format (cont.)

4. Use the [◀] and [▶] keys to scroll to other columns, or the [▼] or [▲] keys to scroll backward or forward in time.
5. Do one of the following:
  - To adjust the time scale, press [F1] (Time) and refer to *Adjusting the Time Scale* on page 91.
  - To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) twice and then press [MENU].

#### 5.7.2a Viewing Data at a Specific Time

1. The Enter Time window appears. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired text box. Press [ENTER] to open the box.
2. Use the numeric keys to enter the desired number and press [ENTER].
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for other entries.
4. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK) to exit and view the spreadsheet. The PM880 displays the data nearest the time entered.

Next, do one of the following:

- To return to the Log Manager and view another log, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU]. Return to *Using the Graph Format* on page 88.
- To view logs using the spreadsheet format, press [F3] (Exit), then press [MENU] and proceed to *Using the Spreadsheet Format* on page 92.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) twice and then press [MENU].

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## Chapter 6. Managing Files

The PM880 program provides three useful tools for managing multiple files: the Site Manager, Drive Manager and Log Manager. The Site Manager enables you to create, recall, edit, rename and delete site files. The Drive Manager enables you to transfer and delete all types of files the PM880 can generate. The Log Manager lets you rename, copy and delete log files. Use the following sections to perform the desired task:

- save a new site file - page 96
- recall an existing site file - page 98
- save changes to an existing site file - page 99
- rename a site or log file - page 100
- copy (clone) a log - page 103
- delete all types of files - page 107
- sort files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager (chronologically or alphabetically) - page 108

The Site and Log Managers have additional commands for printing and all the Managers have the ability to transfer files to and from a PC. For more details on these functions refer to Chapter 7, *Using the PM880 with a PC and Printer*.

## 6.1 Saving a New Site File

Use the steps below to save a new site.

### 6.1.0a Accessing the Site Manager

1. Enter the necessary data and properly setup the screen. See Chapter 1, *Getting Started*, for entering data.
2. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site Manager** and press [ENTER].
5. Press [MENU].
6. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].

### 6.1.0b Entering a Site Name

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to **New** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 41.

New Site							
SITE13							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X
Y	Z	0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	-		@	#
&	(	)					
Delete		Cancel			OK		

Figure 41: Name Entry Window for a New Site

### 6.1.0b Entering a Site Name (cont.)

2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired letter or number and press [ENTER]. Press [F1] (Delete) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers.
3. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired site name of up to eight characters.
4. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK).
5. The PM880 prompt asks you if you want to save the site as a template. Saving the site file as a template is useful when you need to create multiple sites with similar data. At the prompt, do one of the following:
  - Press [F2] (No) if you do not want to use it as a template, or
  - Press [F3] (Yes) if you do want to use it as a template.
6. Press [F3] (Exit).
7. Press [MENU]. The new site file is displayed in the upper left corner of the screen.

## 6.2 Recalling a Site File

Use the following steps to recall a previously programmed site file:

### 6.2.0a Accessing the Site Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 6.2.0b Retrieving the Site File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired site.

**Note:** *The list of site files in the Site Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Open** and press [ENTER].
5. The PM880 asks you to confirm. Press [F3] (**Yes**).
6. Press [F3] (**Exit**).
7. Press [MENU]. The PM880 displays the new site file in the upper-left corner of the screen.



## 6.3 Saving a Site File

Saving changes to an existing site can be done from the Site Menu or the Site Manager.

### 6.3.0a Using the Site Menu

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Save Now** and press [ENTER].
4. The PM880 prompts you to save the current site. Press [F3], (**Yes**).
5. Press [MENU]. The PM880 displays the current site file in the upper-left corner of the screen.

### 6.3.0b Using the Site Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site Manager** and press [ENTER].
4. Press [MENU].
5. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].
6. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Save** and press [ENTER].
7. The PM880 asks you to confirm. Press [F3] (**Yes**).
8. Press [F3] (**Exit**).
9. Press [MENU]. The PM880 displays the new site file in the upper-left corner of the screen.

## 6.4 Renaming a Site or Log File

Use the appropriate section that follows. To rename:

- a site file, refer to the section below.
- a log file, refer to page 102.

### 6.4.1 Renaming a Site File

The PM880 offers two ways to rename files. In the Site Manager you can use the following commands:

- **Save As** to create a copy of the file with a different name
- **Rename** to change the name of the site file.

Use the steps below to perform the desired task.

#### 6.4.1a Accessing the Site Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site Manager** and press [ENTER].

#### 6.4.1b Renaming a Site File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired site.

**Note:** *The list of site files in the Site Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].

### 6.4.1b Renaming a Site File (cont.)

4. Use the arrow key to scroll to:
  - **Save As** and press [ENTER] - to create a copy of the file with a different name.
  - **Rename** and press [ENTER] - to change the name of the site file.
5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired letter or number and press [ENTER]. Press [F1] (Delete) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers.
6. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired site name of up to eight characters.
7. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK).
8. Do one of the following:
  - If you selected **Save As**, the PM880 prompts you to save the current site, press [F3] (Yes).
  - If you selected **Rename**, the PM880 renames the file and returns to the Site Manager.

Next, do one of the following:

- If desired, repeat steps 1 through 8 above for another file.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU]. The newly renamed site file is displayed in the upper left corner of the screen.

**Note:** *The PM880 uses the renamed site file to take measurements. To recall a different site file, refer to Recalling a Site File on page 98.*

## 6.4.2 Renaming a Log File

Use the steps below to rename a log file.

### 6.4.2a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 6.4.2b Renaming a Log File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired site.

**Note:** *The list of site files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Rename** and press [ENTER].
5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired letter or number and press [ENTER]. Press [F1] (**Delete**) to delete any unwanted letters or numbers.
6. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired log name of up to eight characters.
7. When you have finished, press [F3] (**OK**).

The PM880 renames the file and returns to the Log Manager.

Next, do one of the following:

- If desired, repeat steps 1 through 7 above for another file.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (**Exit**) and then press [MENU].

## 6.5 Copying a Log

If you need to create another log file that is similar to a log you have already created, you can save time by copying the existing log and editing it. Use the followings steps to copy (clone) a log:

### 6.5.0a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 6.5.0b Selecting a Log File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired log and press [ENTER]. If you do not see the desired log in the list, refer to **Viewing All Logs** on page 85 to display all the existing logs.

**Note:** *The list of log files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to **Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager** on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Clone Selected Log** and press [ENTER]. The screen now appears similar to Figure 42 on page 104.

**Note:** *If you try to copy a log that is associated with a site file that is not currently running, the **Clone Selected Log** command will be grayed out. Use a different log for cloning.*

## 6.5 Copying a Log (cont.)

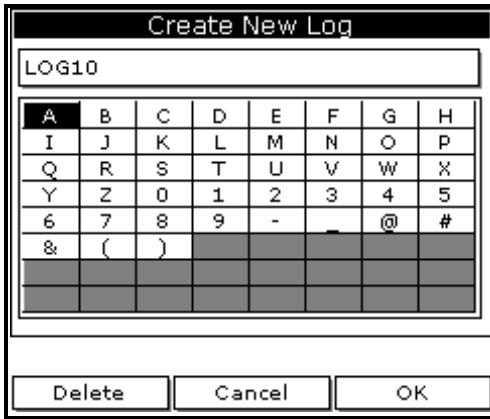


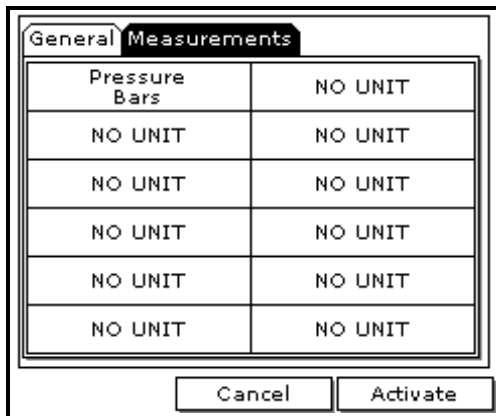
Figure 42: Name Entry Window for a New Log

### 6.5.0a Entering a Log Name

1. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired letter or number and press [ENTER]. Press [F1] (Delete) to delete unwanted characters.
2. Repeat this procedure until you have created the desired site name of up to eight characters.
3. When you have finished, press [F3] (OK).

### 6.5.0b Editing General Log Settings

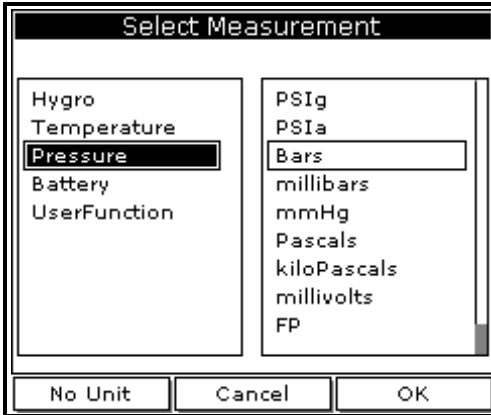
1. The **General** tab displays various parameters for log setup. Use the [▼] key to scroll to **Format** and do the following:
    - Use the arrow keys to make a selection and press [ENTER]. Use the same procedure for **Type**.
    - To edit text boxes, scroll to the box and press [ENTER]. Use the [◀] and [▶] keys to scroll to the number to be changed, use the numeric keys to change the number, and then press [ENTER].
- Note:** *If you choose to run a circular log, you will need to enter the number of records you want to log instead of an end date and time.*
2. Use the arrow keys to move back to the **General** tab and then move to the **Measurements** tab and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 43 appears.



**Figure 43: Log Measurements Window**

### 6.5.0c Editing Measurement Settings

1. Use the [▼] key to step to a box and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 44 appears.



**Figure 44: Select Measurement Window**

2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired measurement type and press [SEL].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired units and press [F3] (OK).
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 for up to 12 different parameters.
5. When you have finished, press [F3] (Activate) to start the log. The PM880 returns to the Log Manager. The log will begin at the specified date and time.

Next, do one of the following:

- To copy another log, repeat the steps beginning in *Selecting a Log File* on page 103.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU]. A Pencil icon appears in the bottom right-hand side of the screen.



## 6.6 Deleting All Types of Files

Use the steps below to delete unwanted files from the PM880 memory:

**Note:** *If the site file you want to delete is currently active, you must recall another site before you can delete it.*

### 6.6.0a Accessing the Site, Drive or Log Manager

1. If the menu is active, press [MENU].
2. To delete:
  - site, meter, log or snapshot files, press **Site** and press [ENTER].
  - log files only, press **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to:
  - **Site Manager** and press [ENTER] - to delete site files only.
  - **Drive Manager** and press [ENTER] - to delete all types of files.
  - **Log Manager** and press [ENTER] - to delete log files only.

### 6.6.0b Deleting a File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired file.

**Note:** *The list of site files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Delete** and press [ENTER]. The Log Manager has an additional command to **Delete All Logs**?
5. The PM880 asks you to confirm. Press [F3] (Yes). The PM880 returns to the Site/Drive/Log Manager.

## 6.6 Deleting All Types of Files (cont.)

Next, do one of the following:

- If desired, repeat steps 1 through 5 to delete another file.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU].

## 6.7 Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager

The Site, Drive or Log Manager can list files in chronological or alphabetical order. Use the following steps to change the order in which the files are listed:

1. From the Site, Drive or Log Manager, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Sort** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to select:
  - **By Name** and press [ENTER] - to list the files alphabetically.
  - **By Date** and press [ENTER] - to list the files chronologically.

Next, do one of the following:

- To exit, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU] to leave the Manager and return to taking measurements.
- Return to performing the desired task(s) in the Manager.

## Chapter 7. Using the PM880 with a PC and Printer

The PM880 has the ability to transfer files to and from a PC. Both the Site Manager and Drive Manager have a transfer command that allows you to select a file and beam it to and from the PC and the PM880. The Site Manager has an additional command that enables you to send site files to a printer.

**Note:** *While sending or receiving files, the PM880 continues to take measurements, but at a slower rate.*

To transfer or print files, you must have a built-in infrared sensor or an infrared sensor connected to the PC and/or printer that is IrDA (Infrared Data Association) compatible. The PM880 is already setup for IrDA infrared communications. The PM880 can also communicate with other IR devices using an IR232 virtual interface; however, this protocol is used for other applications.

Before the PM880 can communicate with your PC or printer, the IR function for that device must be activated and set up properly. Consult the documentation for your device.

**Note:** *If you are using PanaView software (version 1.4.6 or greater), the communication connection is made automatically using IrOBEX (IR Object Exchange).*

If several IrDA meters will be used with one instance of PanaView, be sure to manually disconnect a meter and remove it from the startup connection list before breaking the connection and connecting another meter.

**Note:** *If an IrDA meter is not disconnected by the user, and removed from the “startup connection list,” a meter of a different serial number will display with the ID of the first meter.*

This chapter consists of the following:

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- Printing Files from the PM880 - page 119
- Printing Reports - page 123
- Transferring Files to a PC - page 124
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## 7.1 Setting Up PM880 IR Communications

The PM880 is already setup for IrDA (Infrared Data Association) infrared communications. Most PCs and devices use the IrDA protocol and the PM880 should not need to be reconfigured. If necessary, the PM880 can also be configured for IR232 communications.

The PM880 can communicate with PC's operating with Windows NT 4.0/95/98/2000 or XP. If you are using Windows NT 4.0, you must use QuickBeam<sup>®</sup> software. All other operating systems have IR software capable of communicating with the PM880.

If you are using Windows 2000 or Windows XP, you must use the *Add Hardware* wizard to tell Windows that an IR adapter is attached to the serial port.

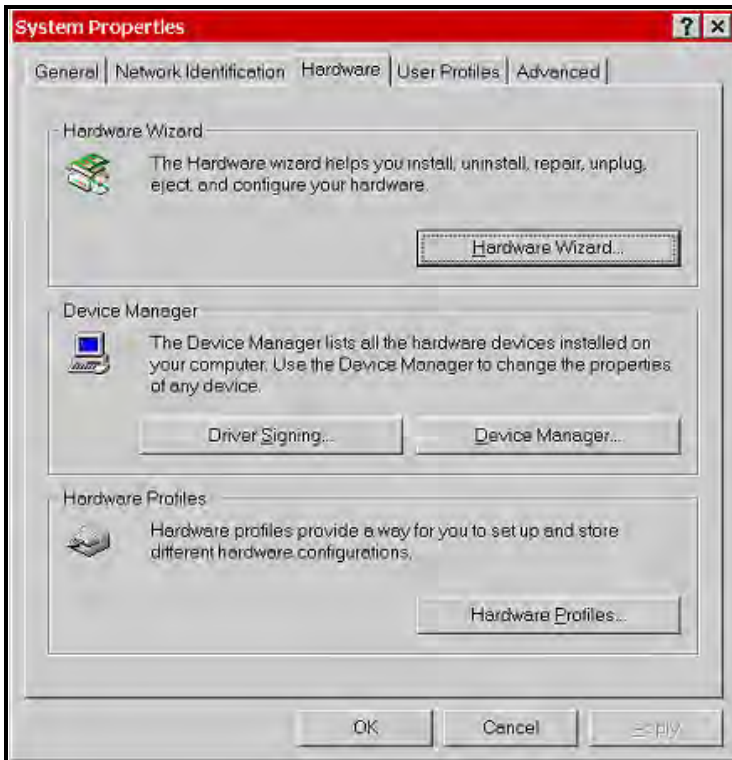
**Note:** *The “IR adapter” is a device that plugs into a port and provides infrared data transfer.*

### 7.1.1 Using the Add Hardware Wizard

**Note:** *The following figures represent the Windows 2000 screens. The Windows XP process is similar.*

For Windows 2000:

1. Right-click on My Computer, or use the Control panel to get the System Properties.
2. Choose the Hardware tab, and click on the Hardware Wizard button:



**Figure 45: Hardware Screen**

The Welcome screen appears.

### 7.1.1 Using the Add Hardware Wizard (cont.)



Figure 46: Welcome Screen

3. Click Next. On the next screen, choose “Add/Troubleshoot a device” and click Next.

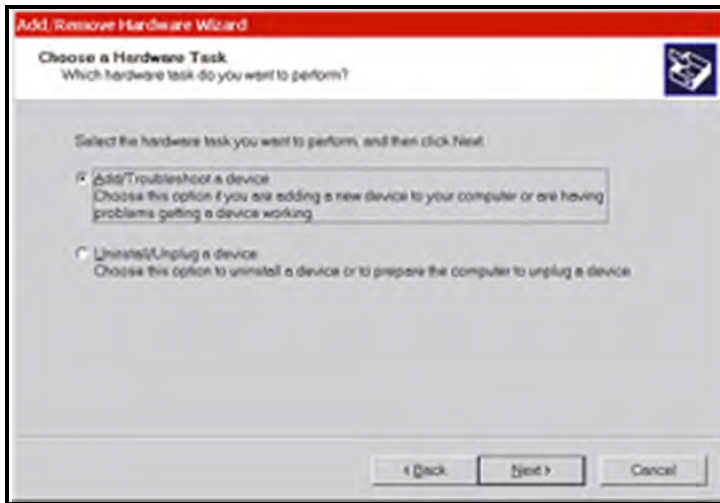


Figure 47: Choose a Hardware Task Screen

## 7.1.1 Using the Add Hardware Wizard (cont.)

4. Windows will search, but will not find anything. Allow the search to complete.

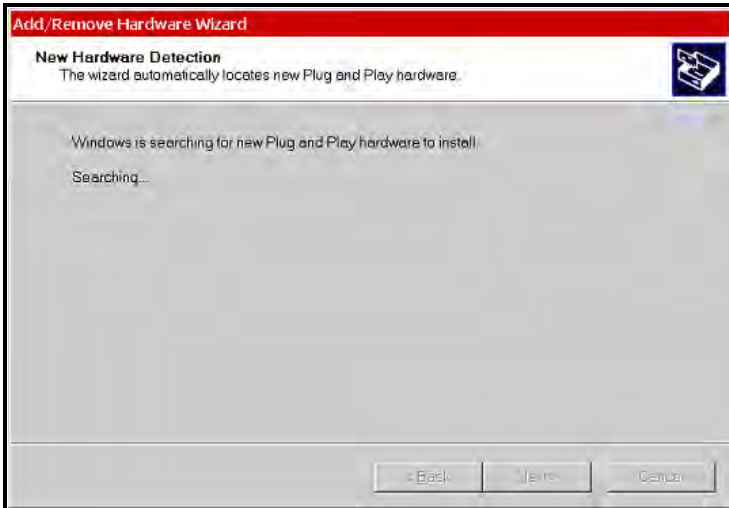


Figure 48: New Hardware Detection Screen

5. When the search finishes, you will see the dialog screen as in Figure 49. Choose “Add a new device,” and click Next.



Figure 49: Choose a Hardware Device Screen

### 7.1.1 Using the Add Hardware Wizard (cont.)

6. On the next screen, choose “No, I want to select the hardware from a list,” and click Next.

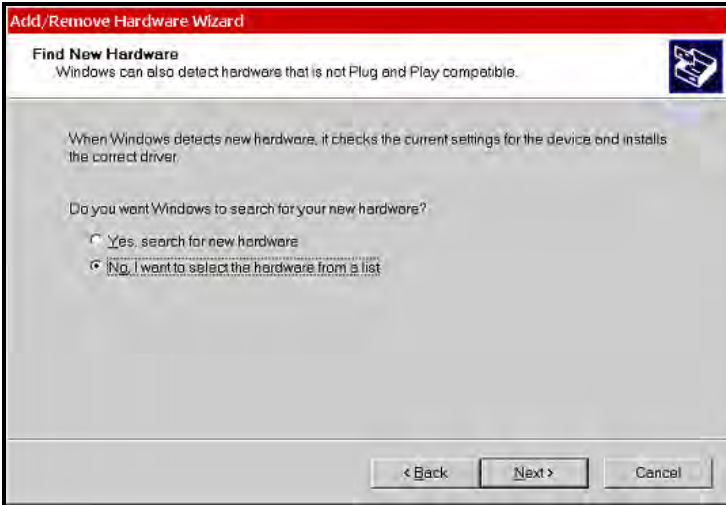


Figure 50: Find New Hardware Screen

7. Select Infrared Devices from the list, and click Next.

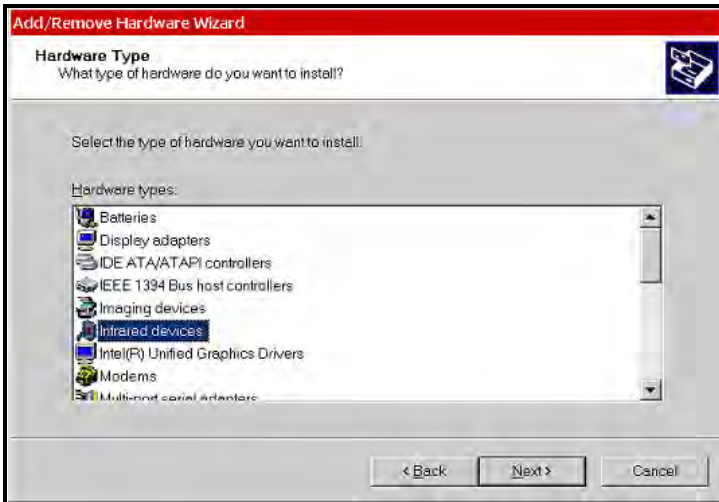


Figure 51: Hardware Type Screen



## 7.1.1 Using the Add Hardware Wizard (cont.)

8. Select ACTiSYS and IR-220L+ Serial Infrared Device, and click Next.

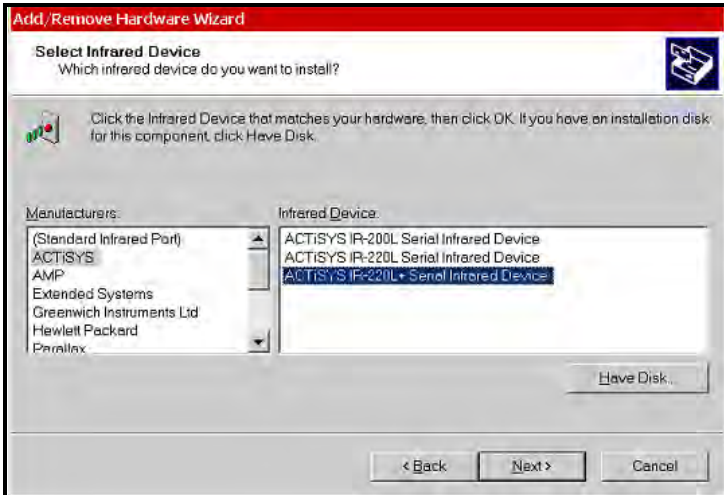


Figure 52: Select Infrared Device Screen

9. Windows supplies the appropriate driver, so click Next.

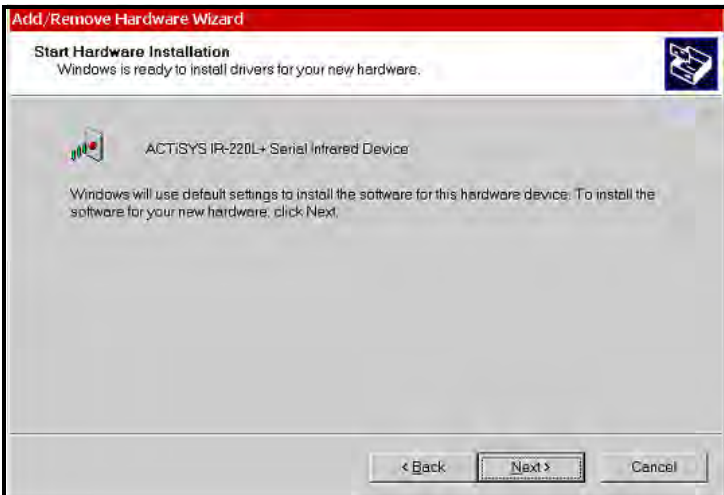


Figure 53: Start Hardware Installation Screen

### 7.1.1 Using the Add Hardware Wizard (cont.)

10. Select the Com port to which the IR adapter is attached.

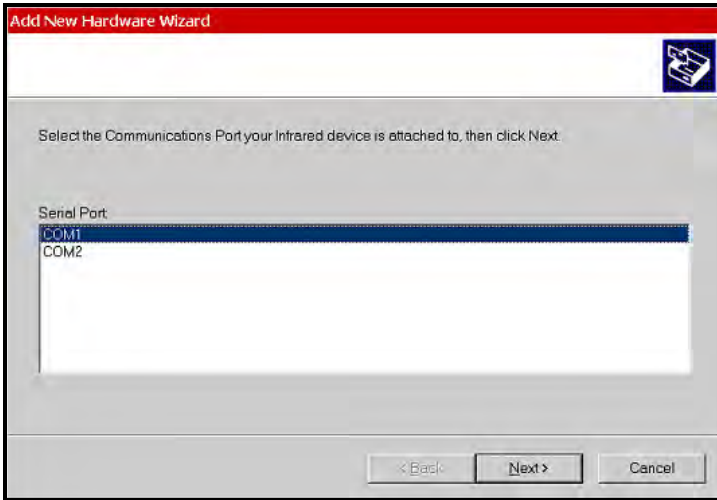


Figure 54: Select the Communications Port Screen

The IR support should then be installed automatically.

11. Place the IR adapter in front of the PM880. You should hear a "bong" and the following message will pop up:

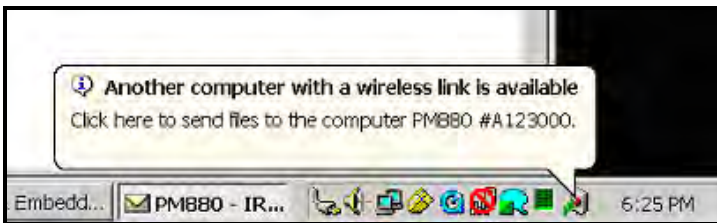


Figure 55: Another Available Computer Message

At this point, you can transfer files from the PM880 to the PC using its Site Manager/Log Manager/Drive Manager or by using PanaView.

**Note:** *The previous figures represent the Windows 2000 screens. The Windows XP process is similar.*

### 7.1.1 Using the Add Hardware Wizard (cont.)

You may have to use the PanaView New Meter Browser to add the IrDA port. After that, discovery of the PM880 should be automatic:



Figure 56: PanaView Meter Browser

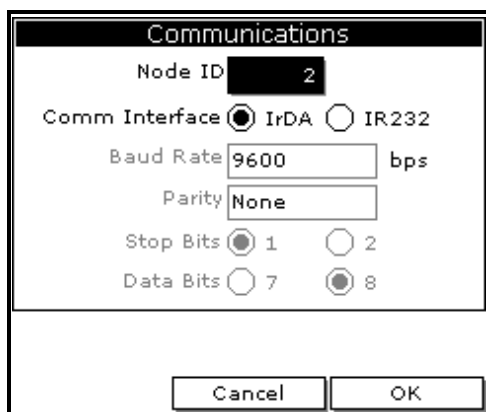
### 7.1.2 Using Panaview

GE offers PanaView software that enables you to perform many PM880 functions using your computer. With PanaView software (version 1.4.6 or greater), the communication connection is made automatically using IrOBEX (IR Object Exchange).

Use these steps if you need to change the PM880 IR set up:

### 7.1.2a Accessing the Meter Menu

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Communication** and press [ENTER]. The Communications window appears similar to Figure 57.



**Figure 57: Communications Window**

### 7.1.2b Changing Communication Setup

1. The Communications window displays the various parameters for IR setup. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired parameters and press [ENTER] to select or open a text box.

**WARNING!** Do NOT change the Node ID unless instructed to by GE.

**IMPORTANT:** *Baud rate, parity, stop bits and data bits are active only when IR232 is selected for the communication interface. IR232 requires the following parameters: 9600, None, 1 and 8 respectively.*

2. Press [F3] (OK) and then press [MENU]. The PM880 returns to taking measurements.

## 7.2 Transferring and Printing Files Key

Since the PM880 offers many tools and options for file management, Table 2 breaks down each Manager and its transferring and printing capabilities.

**Table 2: Manager Key**

File Type	Transfer Direction	Transfer Using	Print Using
Site Files (.sit)	To and From PC	Site or Drive Manager	Site Manager
Meter Files (.met)	To and From PC	Drive Manager	No Printing
Log Files (.log)	To PC	Drive or Log Manager	Log Manager
Snapshot Files (.bmp)	To PC	Drive Manager	No Printing

## 7.3 Printing a Site or Log File

The PM880 can send site files, log files and snapshots (screen captures) to a printer. This section describes the steps for printing site and log files. To print a snapshot, refer to *Taking a Bitmap Screen Capture (Snapshot)* on page 42. Use the appropriate section that follows to print a site or log file.

**IMPORTANT:** *The PM880 IR function is already setup for IrDA infrared communication. To change IR settings, refer to Setting Up PM880 IR Communications on page 110.*

### 7.3.1 Printing a Site File

#### 7.3.1a Accessing the Site Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site Manager** and press [ENTER].

#### 7.3.1b Selecting a Site File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired site.

**Note:** *The list of site files in the Site Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Site** and press [ENTER].
4. Make sure the IR beam on the PM880 has clear access to the IR sensor on the printer.
5. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Print** and press [ENTER].

The PM880 indicates that it is searching for a receiving printer. If it spots more than one compatible infrared device within its range, it asks you to select the desired device.

6. Once the PM880 finds the printer, it asks you to confirm, press [F3] (**Yes**) and then press [MENU]. The PM880 returns to the Site Manager.

Next, do one of the following:

- If desired, repeat steps 1 through 6 in the previous section to print another site file.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (**Exit**) and then press [MENU].

## 7.3.2 Printing a Log File

### 7.3.2a Accessing the Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Log Manager** and press [ENTER].

### 7.3.2b Selecting a Log File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired log. Logs are associated with the site file in use at the time the log is created or run. If you do not see the desired log in the list, refer to *Viewing All Logs* on page 85 to display all the existing logs.

**Note:** *The list of site files in the Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **File** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Print** and press [ENTER].

## 7.3 Printing a Site or Log File (cont.)

### 7.3.0a Entering a Time Window for Printing

1. The PM880 displays the start and end time of the log (see Figure 58). Use the arrow and [ENTER] keys to change the start date and/or time to indicate what portion of the log you want to print. Do not edit the time to print the entire log.

Enter Time	
Start Date	Start Time
2003/03/01	13:23:41 PM
End Date	End Time
2003/03/01	13:53:41 PM

Figure 58: Enter Time Window

2. Make sure the IR beam on the PM880 has clear access to the IR sensor on the printer and press [F3] (OK).

The PM880 indicates that it is searching for a receiving printer and then sends the file. If it spots more than one compatible infrared device within its range, it asks you to select the desired device.

**Note:** *If the PM880 cannot detect an infrared device, a window appears indicating this problem. Reposition the PM880 and press [F3], Yes. Consult the factory if the PM880 is unable to make contact with your PC.*

Next, do one of the following:

- If desired, repeat the steps beginning in *Selecting a Log File* on the previous page to print another log file.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU].



## 7.4 Printing Reports

When used with an IR-compatible printer, the PM880 can print out a variety of data (current site, logs, drive contents, and user functions, tables and settings) using the Reports command. Use the steps below to print the desired report:

**IMPORTANT:** *The PM880 IR function is already setup for IrDA infrared communication. To change IR settings, refer to Setting Up PM880 IR Communications on page 110.*

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Reports** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 59 appears.



**Figure 59: Reports Window**

4. Use the arrow keys to select the desired report.
5. Make sure the IR beam on the PM880 has clear access to the IR sensor on the printer.
6. Press [F2] (Print) to print out the desired reports.

## 7.4 Printing Reports (cont.)

Next, do one of the following:

- If desired, repeat steps 4 through 6 to print another report.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU].

## 7.5 Transferring a File To a PC

You can use the Site Manager, Drive Manager or the Log Manager to transfer files to your PC. The Site Manager enables you to transfer site files only; the Drive Manager enables you to transfer any file in the PM880; and, the Log Manager enables you to transfer log files only.

Use the steps below to transfer files to your PC:

### 7.5.0a Preparing for File Transfer

1. The PM880 IR function is already setup for IrDA infrared communication. To change IR settings, refer to *Setting Up PM880 IR Communications* on page 110.
2. If you are using Windows NT 4.0, open the QuickBeam<sup>®</sup> software. Proceed to the next section.

### 7.5.0b Accessing the Site, Drive or Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. To transfer:
  - site, meter, log or snapshot files, press **Site** and press [ENTER].
  - log files only, press **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to:
  - **Site Manager** and press [ENTER] - to transfer site files only.
  - **Drive Manager** and press [ENTER] - to transfer all types of files.
  - **Log Manager** and press [ENTER] - to transfer log files only.

### 7.5.0c Selecting a File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired file. Logs are associated with the site file in use at the time the log is created or run. If you do not see the desired log in the list, refer to *Viewing All Logs* on page 85 to display all the existing logs.

**IMPORTANT:** *The list of site files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to:
  - *For Site Manager - Site* and press [ENTER].
  - *For Drive or Log Manager - File* and press [ENTER].
4. Make sure the IR beam on the PM880 has clear access to the IR sensor on the PC.
5. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Transfer** and press [ENTER].
6. The PM880 establishes communications with your PC and uploads the selected file. Respond to any screen prompts from the PC.

When the upload is complete, the meter returns to the Site/Drive/Log Manager.

**IMPORTANT:** *If the PM880 cannot detect an infrared device, a window appears indicating this problem. Reposition the PM880 and press [F3] Yes. Consult the factory if the PM880 is unable to make contact with your PC.*

## 7.5 Transferring a File To a PC (cont.)

### 7.5.0a Locating and Viewing the Transferred File

Your PC stores the transferred file in a default location. The location depends on the PC's operating system:

- Windows NT 4.0 - the transferred file is in the QuickBeam Inbox folder.
- Windows 95/98/2000 - the transferred file appears in the default folder. The default folder is set in the *Windows Control Panel* using the *Wireless Link/Infrared* icon



Next, do one of the following:

- Use any text editor to open the file on your PC.
- If desired, repeat steps 1 through 6 (*Selecting a File* on the previous page) to transfer another file.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (Exit) and then press [MENU].

## 7.6 Transferring a File from a PC

The PM880 enables you to transfer site (.sit) and meter (.met) files from your PC to the meter. If you rename another type of file with one of these extensions and transfer it, it will be transferred, but will not function if you open it.

**Note:** *The PM880 IR function is already setup for IrDA infrared communication. To change IR settings, Setting Up PM880 IR Communications on page 110.*

The transfer procedure differs depending on your PC's operating system. Use the appropriate section that follows to transfer files:

**IMPORTANT:** *If you transfer a file and the meter already has a file with the identical name, the meter will overwrite its current file with the transferred file. If the transferred file has a name longer than eight characters, the meter will shorten the name to eight characters. It will also replace any spaces in the name with underbars.*

- Using Windows Explorer for Windows 95/98/2000 - see below
- Windows NT 4.0 - see the next page
- Windows 95/98 - page 129
- Windows 2000 - page 129

### 7.6.1 Using Windows Explorer in Windows 95/98/2000

1. Open Windows Explorer.
2. Right click on the desired file.
3. Click **Send to**.
4. Click **Infrared Recipient**. A window appears indicating the file is downloading.

## 7.6.2 Using Windows NT 4.0

1. Open the QuickBeam<sup>®</sup> software.
2. Make sure the IR beam on the PM880 has clear access to the IR sensor on the PC.
3. In the Quickbeam window, click on **Send**.
4. Click on **Files** or **Files on Clipboard** and scroll to the desired file.
5. Click on **Send**. QuickBeam opens a window indicating that it is downloading the file.

**Note:** A quicker way to send files (replace steps 4 and 5 above) is to click on the desired file, and drag it onto the rocket button in the QuickBeam window, as shown in Figure 60.

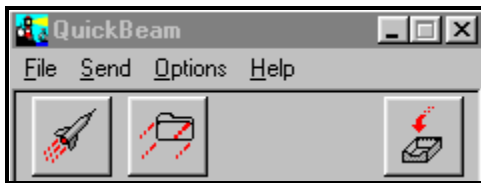




Figure 60: QuickBeam Window

### 7.6.3 Using Windows 95/98

1. Click on the *Infrared* icon in the System Tray - .  
A window similar to Figure 61 appears. 
2. Select the desired file and click on **Send**. A window appears indicating the file is downloading.

### 7.6.4 Using Windows 2000

1. To activate infrared communications on your PC, line up the IR beam on the PM880 with the PC's IR sensor. A window appears indicating IR communications is activated.
2. Click on the *Infrared* icon in the System Tray - .  
A window similar to Figure 61 appears. 
3. Select the desired file and click on **Send**. A window appears indicating the file is downloading.

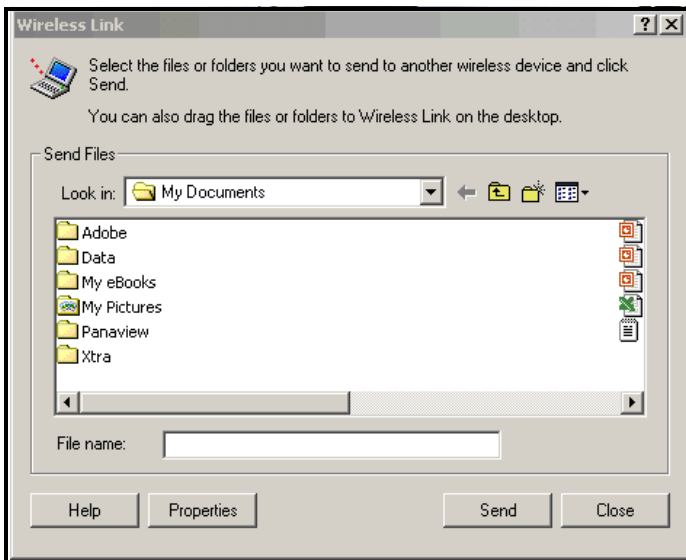


Figure 61: Wireless Link Window

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## Chapter 8. Maintenance and Troubleshooting

The PM880 is designed to be maintenance and trouble free. However, because of process conditions and other factors, minor problems may occur. The PM880 provides commands to monitor and check its various components. This section also includes information on some of the most common problems you may encounter. If you cannot find the information you need in this chapter, please consult the factory.

**CAUTION!** Do not attempt to troubleshoot the PM880 beyond the instructions in this chapter. If you do, you may damage the unit and void the warranty.

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**Note:** *While the MIS Probe and Factory Calibration options appear on the Service Menu, they are available only to operators with a Service level security code. Consult the factory for further information.*

## 8.1 Checking the PM880 Memory Status

The PM880 stores all types of files in its memory. Each type of Manager enables you to monitor the size of a file and the remaining amount of memory. Use the following steps to check the memory status:

### 8.1.0a Accessing the Site, Drive or Log Manager

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. To check:
  - site, meter, log or snapshot files, press **Site** and press [ENTER].
  - log files only, press **Logging** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to:
  - **Site Manager** and press [ENTER] - to check site files only.
  - **Drive Manager** and press [ENTER] - to check all types of files.
  - **Log Manager** and press [ENTER] - to check log files only.

### 8.1.0b Selecting a Log File

1. Use the arrow key to scroll to the desired files. If you do not see the desired log in the list, refer to *Viewing All Logs* on page 85 to display all the existing logs.

**Note:** *The list of files in each Manager can be listed chronologically or alphabetically. Refer to Sorting Files in the Site/Drive/Log Manager on page 108.*

2. Check the lower right-hand corner of the window. You should see the current date and time, the size of the selected file and the remaining amount of memory.

Next, do one of the following:

- To check the size of another file, use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired file.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (**Exit**) and then press [MENU].




## 8.2 Checking the Battery Status

The PM880 provides two ways to monitor the battery status: displaying a battery icon while taking measurements and using the Battery command. Refer to the appropriate section that follows for more details.

### 8.2.1 While Taking Measurements

While taking measurements, the PM880 displays a battery icon in the upper right corner of the screen. Refer to Table 3 for a list of battery icons.

**Table 3: Battery Status Icons**

Icon	Battery Status
	Full battery
	Partially full battery
	Empty battery

## 8.2.2 Using the Battery Command

The Battery command enables you to monitor the battery status more closely. Use the following steps to check the battery status:

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Meter** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Battery** and press [ENTER]. A screen similar to Figure 62 appears.
4. Press [F3] (Exit) to return to taking measurements.

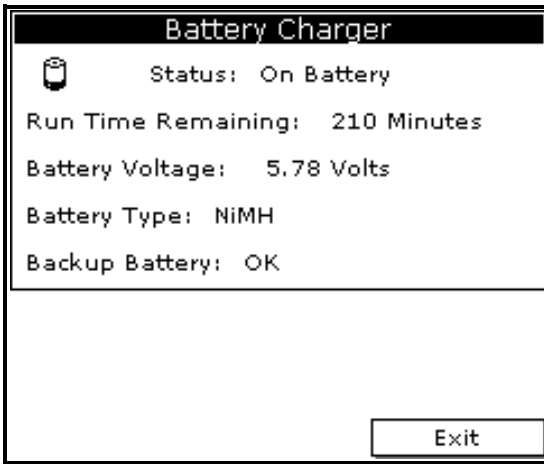


Figure 62: Battery Charger Window

### 8.3 Testing the Screen

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Test** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Test Screen** and press [ENTER]. A screen with a checkerboard pattern appears as shown in Figure 63.



Figure 63: Functioning Test Screen

5. Press any key. The screen should redraw with the same checkerboard pattern. Make sure the screen redraws properly.
6. Keep pressing keys to change the screen. The PM880 will sequence through a number of dark and light screens before returning to taking measurements. Make sure the screen keeps redrawing properly. If it does not, please consult the factory.

## 8.4 Testing the Keypad

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Test** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Test Keys** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 64.

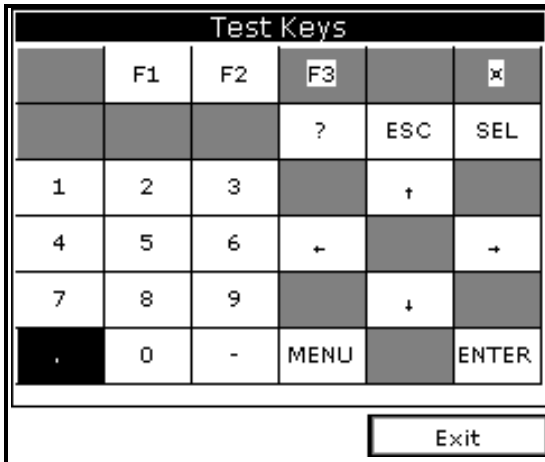


Figure 64: Test Keys Window

5. Press any key on the keypad. The corresponding box on the screen should darken.

**Note:** *If the box does not darken or if the key does not appear on the screen, contact the factory.*

6. Press [F3] and then [MENU] to return to taking measurements. If any key does not appear on the screen, contact the factory.

## 8.5 Testing the Watchdog Timer Circuit

The PM880 includes a watchdog timer circuit. If a software error causes the meter to stop responding, this circuit automatically resets the meter.

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Test** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Watchdog Test** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 65.

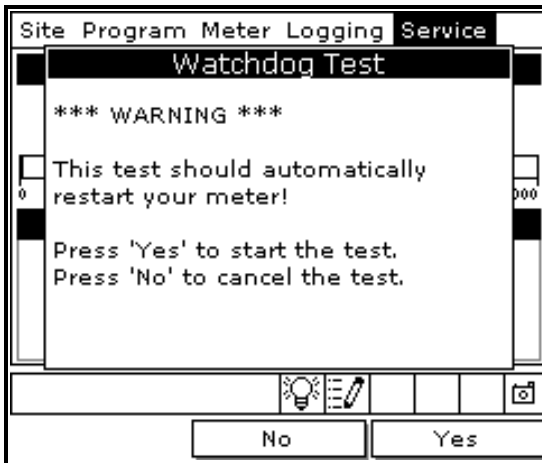


Figure 65: Watchdog Test Screen

5. Press [F3] (Yes) to start the test. The PM880 screen becomes blank for a few seconds and then begins the boot sequence. If it does not follow this sequence, consult the factory.

## 8.6 Resetting to Factory Default Settings

The Factory Defaults command enables you to return the meter to its preprogrammed default settings. The PM880 replaces the default site file and the global meter settings with the factory default settings. To reset the meter:

1. Transfer or print all sites and logs. Refer to Chapter 7, *Using the PM880 with a PC and Printer*.

**WARNING! ALL SETTINGS IN THE DEFAULT SITE WILL BE RESET. BE SURE TO TRANSFER OR PRINT ALL SITES AND LOGS BEFORE RESETTING!**

2. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Factory Defaults** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 66.



Figure 66: Factory Defaults Window



## 8.6 Resetting to Factory Default Settings (cont.)

5. Press [F3] (OK) to restore the factory default settings.
6. The program asks for confirmation: “Are you SURE?” Press [F3] (Yes).

The PM880 replaces the default site file and the global meter settings with the factory default settings. When the meter returns to taking measurements, it displays data using the default site.

## 8.7 Viewing or Changing Security Settings

To guard against accidental or intentional tampering, the PM880 includes a password-based security system. The system has three security levels. Individual passcodes protect the three security levels; they consist of one to eight digits. The three levels are as follows:

- User Level - allows access to the display and non-critical meter settings (such as resetting the clock).
- Operator Level - allows access to most of the meter settings used to set up the meter such as probe selection and calibration data. This level also allows you to delete files such as old logs and unneeded site files.
- Service Level - provides access to all meter settings, and is available to GE representatives and authorized service agents only.

The backup battery maintains the file system, so that if the battery fails or the drive is erased, the passcodes will revert to the default values. For both the User and Operator level, the default code is 2719.

Use the sections that follow to set up security levels and enter new passcodes.

- Setting the Security Passcodes - see the next page
- Setting Remote Access Security - page 141

### 8.7.1 Setting the Security Passcodes

Use the following steps to enter new security passcodes:

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Security Settings** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to move to the Passwords tab and press [ENTER].  
The screen appears similar to Figure 67.

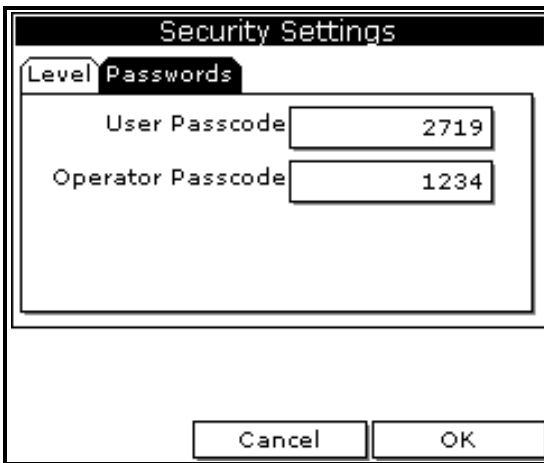


Figure 67: Passcode Entry Window

5. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired passcode text box and press [ENTER].
6. Use the numeric keys to enter the new passcode (1 to 8 digits) and press [ENTER].

**IMPORTANT:** *Be sure to keep a record of the new passcode.*

Next, do one of the following:

- To change remote access settings, refer step 4 in *Setting Remote Access Security* on page 141.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (OK) and then [MENU].

## 8.7.2 Setting Remote Access Security

The PM880 enables you to set remote access security for each security level. Remote access consists of allowing the PM880 to communicate with PanaLink (GE software), receive files from a PC using IrDA, and transmit files to a PC using IrDA. To set remote access:

**Note:** *The remote access security settings are available only to users with Operator or Service level passcodes.*

1. Press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Security Settings** and press [ENTER].
4. Use the arrow keys to move to the Level tab and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 68.



Figure 68: Security Level Window

## 8.7.2 Setting Remote Access Security (cont.)

5. Use the arrow keys to move to Security Level and press [ENTER] to open the drop-down menu.
6. Scroll to the desired level and press [ENTER].
7. The PM880 may ask you to enter a passcode depending on the level you choose. Enter the passcode and press [ENTER].

**Note:** *You can change the remote access security settings for the Service Level; however, you will need to enter the passcode for that level. Contact the factory.*

8. Use the arrow keys to scroll to the desired options. Press [ENTER]. When an “X” appears in the box, access is granted.

Next, do one of the following:

- To change security passcodes, refer to step 4 in *Setting the Security Passcodes* on page 140.
- To exit and return to taking measurements, press [F3] (OK) and then [MENU].

## 8.8 Updating PM880 Software

As discussed in Chapter 7, *Using the PM880 with a PC or Printer*, the PM880 uses an IR transceiver to transfer files. The IR function can also be used to upgrade the meter's user program. The software upgrade includes the bootloader and instrument software, and the meter and Help string files.

Before you can upgrade the meter's user program, you should print out or download logs and other settings stored in the PM880's memory.

**IMPORTANT:** *To guard against mishap, you should print out, download or otherwise record all logs, settings and other data you wish to save.*

Once you have backed up your data, refer to the section below to begin the upgrading procedure.

### 8.8.1 Upgrading Requirements

To use your PC to download the new user program, your computer must meet the following requirements.

#### 8.8.1a Infrared Hardware

The PM880 is equipped with a built-in IR sensor. Your PC must have an infrared sensor (built-in or external). If your PC does not have a built-in IR sensor, you can purchase a compatible IR adapter. GE recommends the ActiSys ACT-IR220L+ infrared to RS232 adapter.

### 8.8.1b MicroSoft Windows Operating System

The operating system software must be IrDA compatible. There are two IR standards supported by MicroSoft Windows operating systems: IrOBEX and IrCOMM.

- IrOBEX is the newest standard and is used by most Windows operating systems. This standard transfer files faster and tolerates IR interruptions better.
- IrCOMM is an older standard and is used by some Windows operating systems. This standard transfers files at a slower rate, but can still be used to upgrade the meter's user program.

GE recommends updating software using the IrOBEX standard; however, the IrCOMM standard is available for users who have problems with IrOBEX. Use Table 4 to find out which standard your PC's operating system can use.

**Table 4: Windows Operating Systems IrDA Compatibility**

Operating System	IrCOMM	IrOBEX
Windows XP	No	Yes
Windows 2000	No	Yes
Windows NT 4.0	QuickBeam*	QuickBeam*
Windows Me*	Yes	Yes
Windows 98 SE*	Yes	Yes
Windows 98*	Yes	Yes
Windows 95*	Yes	Yes
Windows 3.1	No	No
DOS 6.22	No	No

\*May require QuickBeam installation under some circumstances when Windows built-in support fails. QuickBeam is an infrared file software transfer utility from Extended Systems, Inc. Since Windows NT 4.0 does not provide built-in support for IR file transfer, QuickBeam is necessary with this operating system.

To upgrade using:

- IrOBEX - see *Updating Software using IrOBEX* on page 145.
- IrCOMM - see *Updating Software using IrCOMM* on page 147.

## 8.8.2 Updating Software Using IrOBEX

Use the sections below to upgrade the PM880 software using IrOBEX.

### 8.8.2a Setting Up PM880

1. Press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Flash Update** and press [ENTER]. The screen appears similar to Figure 69.

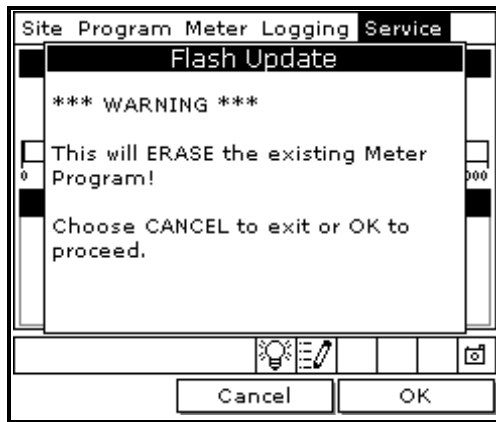


Figure 69: Flash Update Window

4. Press [F3] (OK) to confirm that you wish to erase the program.
5. The meter asks for confirmation. Press [F3] (OK) to continue with the update.
6. After the PM880 reboots, the meter will ask you a series of questions. Use the appropriate function key to respond, then refer to the next section.

### 8.8.2b Downloading User Program Upgrades

**Note:** You can also use *Infrared Transfer Application (My Computer\Infrared Recipient)* to download files.

1. Using your PC, open *Windows Explorer*.
2. Go to the folder where the upgrade files are stored.
3. Highlight the desired file(s) by clicking once. The software upgrade includes the bootloader and instrument software, and the meter and Help string files.
4. Right click on the file(s).
5. Be sure the infrared sensor on the meter has a clear path to the infrared adapter on the PC.
6. Select *Send To → Infrared Recipient* or *Nearby Computer* (or *QuickBeam* if *QuickBeam* has been installed)
7. The computer will display a window showing the status of the file upload.



### 8.8.3 Updating Software Using IrCOMM

Use the sections below to upgrade the PM880 software using IrCOMM.

#### 8.8.3a Setting up the PC

**Note:** *The use of Hyperterminal is shown here as an example. If you are using a different communications software, see its manual for detailed instructions.*

1. From the Start Menu, click *Programs/Accessories/Hyperterminal* to open the Hyperterminal window.
2. If the call is not connected, click on *Connect* from the *Call* menu in Hyperterminal.
3. From the *File* menu, click *Properties*. Be sure the *New Connection Properties* window is set to your virtual infrared port.

**Note:** *You can determine which virtual port your infrared is using by opening Infrared Monitor in the Control Panel and clicking on the Options tab. It displays the message, “Providing Application Support on:” and then lists the virtual infrared port.*

#### 8.8.3b Setting Up PM880

1. If the menu is not active, press [MENU].
2. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Service** and press [ENTER].
3. Use the arrow keys to scroll to **Flash Update** and press [ENTER]. Screen appears similar to Figure 70 on page 148.
4. Press [F3] (OK) to confirm that you wish to erase the program.
5. The meter asks for confirmation. Press [F3] (OK) to continue with the update.
6. After the PM880 reboots, the meter will ask you a series of questions. Use the appropriate function key to respond, then refer to the next section.

8.8.3b Setting Up PM880 (cont.)

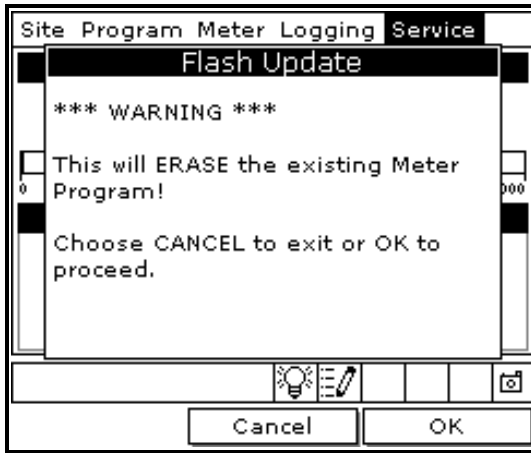


Figure 70: Flash Update Window

8.8.3c Downloading User Program Upgrades

1. Be sure the infrared sensor on the meter has a clear path to the infrared adapter on the PC.
2. Return to the PC Hyperterminal program. In the Hyperterminal window, pull down the *Transfer* menu and click *Send File*. A window opens similar to Figure 71.

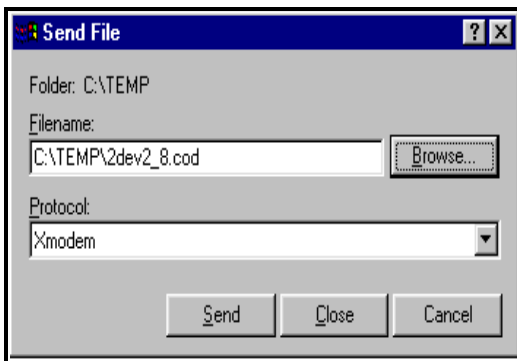


Figure 71: Transfer Menu Send File Window

### 8.8.3c Downloading User Program Upgrades (cont.)

3. Click on the replacement software (designated by a.cod extension) from the folder where it has been stored.
4. From the Protocol drop-down menu, select Xmodem.
5. Click *Send*. For a successful transfer, the PC window appears similar to Figure 72, while the PM880 screen displays the program ID, size, load address and a count of blocks being loaded.

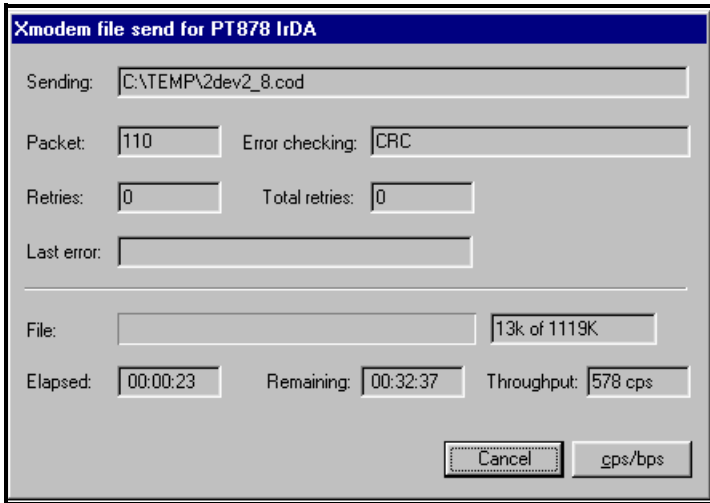


Figure 72: File Transmission Window

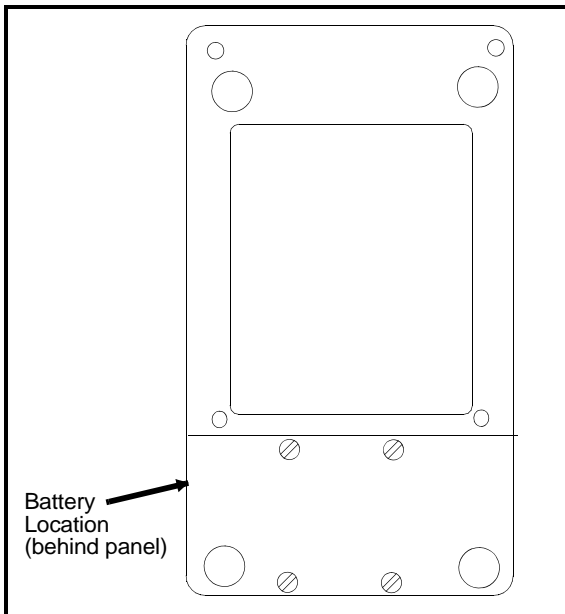
## 8.9 Removing/Replacing the Batteries

If you need to replace the rechargeable batteries, use NiMH high energy rechargeable batteries (GE part number 705-1023).

**IMPORTANT:** *Replace batteries with the specified rechargeable NiMH batteries only. Do not attempt to recharge non-rechargeable batteries.*

To remove/replace the batteries:

1. Make sure the new battery pack is charged as described in *Recharging the Batteries* on page 151.
2. Remove the four thumb screws on the back panel that secure the NiMH battery pack. Lift the battery pack out of the unit. See Figure 73.
3. Insert the new battery pack.
4. Replace the four screws on the back panel.



**Figure 73: NiMH Battery Location**

## 8.10 Recharging the Batteries

The PM880 is powered by a rechargeable NiMH battery pack. The batteries must be charged 4-5 hours until the amber LED on the charger goes out, to receive the maximum charge. When fully charged, the batteries provide 16 to 24 hours of continuous operation, depending on the probe type and PM880 usage. An internal battery gauge indicates the remaining power in the batteries.

Before you recharge the battery pack you must make sure the charger is properly configured. Use the instructions below to properly charge the battery pack.

### 8.10.1 Removing the Battery Pack

1. Make sure you are in a general-purpose location where you can safely charge the pack.

**WARNING! THE BATTERY PACK CAN BE INSTALLED AND REMOVED IN HAZARDOUS AREAS. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE CHARGED IN GENERAL-PURPOSE AREAS ONLY.**

2. Remove the four thumb screws on the back panel of the PM880 that secure the pack.
3. Lift the pack out of the unit.

## 8.10.2 Configuring the Battery Charger

The PM880 battery charger has a switchable voltage input of 115 to 230 VAC. Before you plug the pack into the charger you must make sure the voltage selector is in the correct position.

**WARNING!** The battery charger is intended for indoor use only.  
See *Specifications* for the power cord type.  
Risk of electrical shock: use in dry locations only.  
Charge on NiMH type rechargeable batteries.  
Other types of batteries may burst causing injury and/or damage.

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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**!DANGER!**

**TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRICAL SHOCK, CAREFULLY  
FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES BELOW.**

**BE SURE THE VOLTAGE SELECTOR IS IN THE CORRECT VOLTAGE  
POSITION BEFORE PLUGGING THE UNIT IN.  
(SEE THE BOTTOM OF THE CHARGER.)**

**FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE VOLTAGE SELECTOR SWITCH  
MUST BE PLACED IN THE 115 VOLT POSITION.**

**FOR USE IN COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, PLACE THE  
VOLTAGE SELECTOR IN THE CORRECT POSITION. CONFIRM THE  
VOLTAGE AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCATION BEFORE USING THE  
PRODUCT.**

**FOR CONNECTION TO A SUPPLY NOT IN THE UNITED STATES, USE AN  
ATTACHMENT PLUG OR ADAPTOR OF THE PROPER CONFIGURATION  
FOR THE POWER OUTLET.**

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### 8.10.3 Charging the Battery Pack

1. Plug the pack into the battery charger.
2. Connect the charger to AC power. When power is applied, the amber LED glows and the charger automatically begins charging the pack.
3. The pack is fully charged when the amber LED goes out (approximately 4-5 hours).

**IMPORTANT:** *When you receive your unit, you should charge the battery pack completely before using it for the first time.*

4. Remove the pack from the charger and reinstall it in the PM880. Refer to *Checking the Battery Status* on page 133 for details on monitoring the battery.

## 8.11 Error and Screen Messages

The PM880 has a series of error messages that display on the screen when the error occurs. The error messages are only general descriptions of the possible problems. The PM880 also has several screen messages that appear during operation and setup.

Use Table 5 to isolate and remedy the problem. If you are unable to remedy the problem, contact the factory.

**Table 5: Error and Screen Messages**

<b>Error Message</b>	<b>Problem</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Error Codes</b>		
Err 1: No Probe	A probe of type required has not been installed.	Connect the required probe.
Err 2: Out of Range	A calculated result exceeds the unit's capacity.	Contact the factory.
Err 3: Over Range	A calculated result exceeds the unit's calibration range.	Contact the factory. Change the measurement units so that the result is within range.
Err 4: Under Range	A calculated result is below the unit's calibration range.	Contact the factory.
Err 5: Not Avail	The mode or units selected require more data or a different sensor.	Choose a different mode and/or units. Connect the required probe.
Err 6: No Comm	The MIS Probe did not respond to a request for data.	Check the MIS Probe connections. Replace the MIS Probe.
Err 7: No Link	Communication with an MIS Probe has failed. The probe is disconnected or damaged.	Check the MIS Probe connections. Replace the MIS Probe.
Err 8: Bad CRC	Communication with an MIS Probe is intermittent or distorted.	Check for cable breaks or high electromagnetic interference (EMI).
Err 9: Bad Msg	The MIS Probe sent a response not supported by the PM880.	Consult the factory.



**Table 5: Error and Screen Messages (cont.)**

<b>Error Message</b>	<b>Problem</b>	<b>Action</b>
Err 11: No Reference	No reference values were entered for a moisture or pressure probe.	Enter reference values.
Err 12: No Calibration	No calibration curve was entered for a moisture or pressure probe.	Enter calibration curve.
Err 15: Cal Error	An internal calibration reference has failed during AutoCal, or a probe failure is interfering with AutoCal.	Contact the factory.
Err 25: No Data	The MIS Probe has not responded, or a calculation is not yet complete.	The PM880 will try to send data; wait for next update.
<b>MIS Probe</b>		
Calibration data will be written to the attached MIS probe.	This screen appears when new calibration data is manually entered in the Calibrate menu.	Press [F3] (OK) to overwrite existing data. Pressing OK overwrites the calibration data stored in the MIS probe electronics module. Press [F2] (Cancel) to discontinue.
These setup values will be written to the attached MIS probe.	This screen appears when new setup data is manually entered in the Service, MIS Probe menu.	Press [F3] (OK) to overwrite existing data. Pressing OK overwrites the setup data (e.g. reference values) stored in the MIS probe electronics module.  Press [F2] (Cancel) to discontinue.

**Table 5: Error and Screen Messages (cont.)**

<b>Error Message</b>	<b>Problem</b>	<b>Action</b>
MIS Probe (cont.)		
No link to the MIS probe.	This screen appears when trying to write to a disconnected MIS probe.	<p>Press [F3] (OK) to cancel all writes. The PM880 will read from the next connected MIS probe.</p> <p>During the “No Link” condition, the Hygro and Pressure tabs in the Calibrate menu are disabled. These calibration values are erased until a new probe is connected.</p>
A MIS probe change has been detected.	This screen appears after a probe change.	Press [F3] (OK) to cancel all writes. The PM880 will read data from the next connected MIS probe.
MISC		
Probe due for calibraton.	This screen appears at the user-programmed interval in the Probe ID tab in the Calibrate menu.	<p>Send probe back to factory for recalibration. If you are recalibrating a MIS probe, make sure you send the electronics module back with the probe.</p> <p>Press [ENTER] to temporarily clear the reminder.</p> <p>To turn off the reminder, use the Program, Calibrate, Probe ID menus. Turn Cal Reminder to None.</p>
If you see this message, the watchdog test has FAILED. Please consult the factory for instructions.	This screen appears if the watchdog timer circuit fails the watchdog test (Service, Test, Watchdog Test menu).	Press [F3] (OK) to continue. Contact the factory.

## 8.12 Common Problems

If the PM880 measurement readings seem strange, or they do not make sense, there may be a problem with the probe or a component of the process system. Table 6 contains some of the most common measurement problems.

**Table 6: Troubleshooting Guide for Common Problems**

Possible Cause	System Response	Action
Symptom: Accuracy of moisture sensor is questioned.		
Insufficient time for system to equilibrate	Probe reads too wet in dry down conditions, or too dry in wet up conditions.	Change the flow rate. A change in dewpoint indicates the sample system is not at equilibrium, or there is a leak. Allow sufficient time for sample system to equilibrate and moisture reading to become steady. Check for leaks.
Dewpoint at sampling point is different than the dewpoint of the main stream.	Probe reads too wet or too dry.	Readings may be correct if the sampling point and main stream do not run under the same process conditions. The different process conditions cause readings to vary. If sampling point and main stream conditions are the same, check sample system pipes, and any pipe between the sample system and main stream for leaks. Also, check sample system for adsorbing water surfaces, such as rubber or plastic tubing, paper-type filters, or condensed water traps. Remove or replace contaminating parts with stainless steel parts.
Sensor or sensor shield affected by process contaminants (refer to <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> ).	Probe reads too wet or too dry.	Clean the sensor and the sensor shield as described in <i>Aluminum Oxide Probe Maintenance</i> in <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> . Then reinstall the sensor.
Sensor is contaminated with conductive particles (refer to <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> ).	Probe reads high dewpoint.	Clean the sensor and the sensor shield as described in <i>Aluminum Oxide Probe Maintenance</i> in <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> . Then reinstall the sensor.

**Table 6: Troubleshooting Guide for Common Problems (cont.)**

Possible Cause	System Response	Action
Symptom: Accuracy of moisture sensor is questioned. (cont.)		
Sensor is corroded (refer to <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> ).	Probe reads too wet or too dry.	Return the probe to the factory for evaluation.
Sensor temperature is greater than 70°C (158°F).	Probe reads too dry.	Return the probe to the factory for evaluation.
Stream particles causing abrasion.	Probe reads too wet or too dry	Return the probe to the factory for evaluation.
Symptom: Screen always reads the wettest (highest) programmed moisture calibration value while displaying dew/frost point.		
Probe is saturated. Liquid water present on sensor surface and/or across electrical connections.		Clean the sensor and the sensor shield as described in <i>Aluminum Oxide Probe Maintenance</i> in <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> . Then reinstall sensor.
Shorted circuit on sensor.		Run “dry gas” over sensor surface. If high reading persists, then probe is probably shorted and should be returned to the factory for evaluation.
Sensor is contaminated with conductive particles (refer to <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> ).		Clean the sensor and the sensor shield as described in <i>Aluminum Oxide Probe Maintenance</i> in <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> . Then reinstall sensor.
Improper cable connection.		Check the cable connections to both the probe and the PM880.
Symptom: Screen always reads the driest (lowest) programmed moisture calibration value while displaying dew/frost point.		
Open circuit on sensor.  Non-conductive material is trapped under the contact arm of the sensor.		Return probe to factory for evaluation.  Clean the sensor and the sensor shield as described in <i>Aluminum Oxide Probe Maintenance</i> in <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> . Then reinstall the sensor. If the low reading persists, return the probe to the factory for evaluation.
Improper cable connection.		Check the cable connections to both the probe and the PM880.

**Table 6: Troubleshooting Guide for Common Problems (cont.)**

<b>Possible Cause</b>	<b>System Response</b>	<b>Action</b>
Symptom: Slow response.		
Slow outgassing of system.  Sensor is contaminated with non-conductive particles (refer to <i>Application of the Hygrometer</i> )		Replace system components with stainless steel or electro-polished stainless steel.  Clean the sensor and the sensor shield as described in <i>Aluminum Oxide Probe Maintenance in Application of the Hygrometer</i> . Then reinstall the sensor.
Symptom: Exception screen.		
Unrecoverable software error.		Contact the factory.

## 8.13 Replacing and Recalibrating the Moisture Probes

**Note:** *Remove the probe cable by pulling back the spring-loaded sleeve and pulling the cable out of the connector.*

For maximum accuracy you should send moisture probes back to the factory for recalibration every six months to one year, depending on the application. Under severe conditions you should send the probes back for recalibration more frequently; in milder applications you do not need to recalibrate probes as often. Contact a GE applications engineer for the recommended calibration frequency for your application.

**Note:** *You can program the PM880 to remind you when it is time to send the probes back for recalibration. Refer to Setting a Probe Calibration Reminder on page 50.*

When you receive new or recalibrated probes, be sure to follow the instructions in Chapter 1, *Getting Started*, to install, connect and enter calibration data for the probe(s). Note that each probe has its own Calibration Data Sheet with the corresponding probe serial number printed on it.

You do not have to enter calibration data for the MISP2 Probe or for the Moisture Image Series (MIS) Probe if you returned both the sensor and the electronics module to the factory for recalibration. However, you should verify that the calibration data entered at the factory is correct (see *Entering Setup Data* on page 7). If you sent only the sensor part of the MIS Probe to the factory without the module, you must enter the calibration data manually.

## 8.14 Recalibrating the Pressure Sensors

Since the pressure sensor on a TF Probe or on Moisture Image Series (MIS) Probes is a strain gage type, the pressure calibration is linear and is calibrated at 2 data points. Each point consists of a voltage or FP value and a corresponding pressure value in psig. Check or change the two calibration data points using the steps below.

1. Set one of the boxes on the screen to display pressure in mV (or FP) and another box to display psig. Refer to *Displaying Measurements* on page 15 to set up the screen.
2. Expose the pressure sensor to air and record the mV (or FP) and psig readings. This reading is for the zero pressure.
3. Expose the pressure sensor to a known full scale pressure source and record the mV (or FP) and psig readings. This reading is for the span pressure.
4. Press [MENU].
5. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Program** and press [ENTER].
6. Use the arrow key to scroll to **Calibration** and press [ENTER].
7. Proceed to *Entering Pressure Calibration Data* on page 14 to complete entering data.

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## Chapter 9. Features and Specifications

The Model PM880 is a microprocessor-based portable hygrometer designed to measure dissolved moisture concentration in gases and non-aqueous liquids. This highly-advanced industrial analyzer is adaptable to many applications, and is certified intrinsically safe for use in hazardous locations.

The complete analyzer, including the hygrometer, cables and measurement probes, forms a “system” designed to monitor a process accurately and reliably. The following section discusses each part of this system and lists specifications.

### 9.1 The PM880 Hygrometer

The center of the measurement system is the PM880 hygrometer. The front of the meter has a Liquid Crystal Display, a membrane keypad and menu keys. See Figure 74.

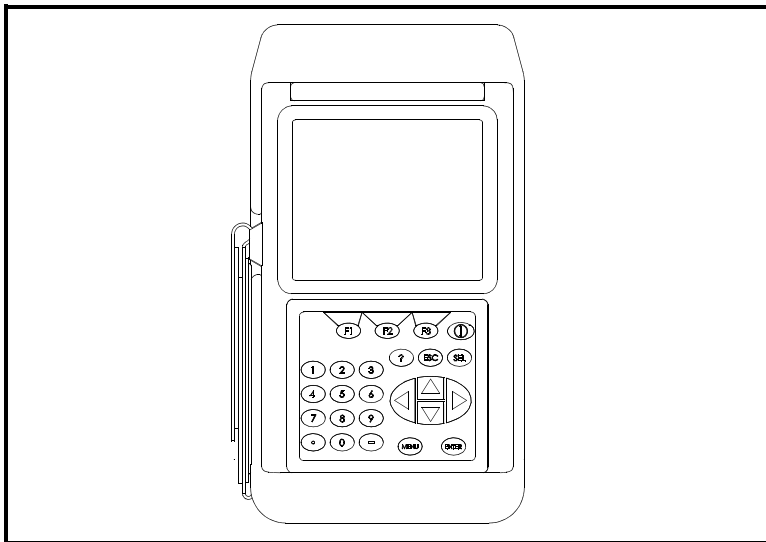


Figure 74: PM880 Hygrometer

## 9.1 The PM880 Hygrometer (cont.)

The top of the PM880 (shown in Figure 75) includes an input for connecting moisture probes. An internal infrared transceiver enables communication between the meter and other IR devices, particularly the IR ports or IR to RS232 adapters of Windows<sup>®</sup>-based PCs or printers. Users can send and receive site and log data; they can also program the meter using the optional PanaView software interface. The PM880 was designed for use with products that comply to the IrDA protocol.

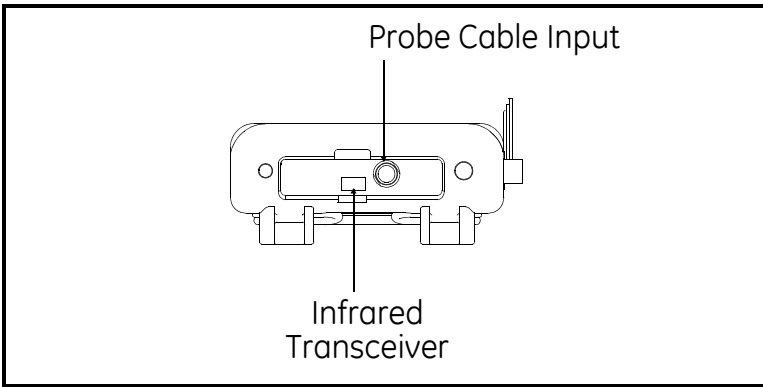


Figure 75: Probe Connection and Infrared Transceiver

## 9.2 Probes

Probes are the part of the system that come into contact with the process flow. The PM880 uses various types of probes to make moisture, temperature, and pressure measurements.

**Note:** Only GE standard probes can be used with the PM880.

- Moisture (M) Series - moisture and temperature.
- Three Function (TF) Series - moisture, temperature, and pressure.
- Moisture Image Series (MIS) - moisture, temperature, and pressure.

### 9.2.1 M Series and TF Series Moisture Probes

The M Series and the TF Series probes are very similar. Both probes use the GE aluminum oxide sensors to measure moisture, and a thermistor bead (optional) to measure temperature. The TF Series also has an optional built-in strain-gage-type pressure transducer. The sensor assemblies are secured to a probe mount and are usually protected with a sintered stainless-steel shield (TF-9 probes do not have a shield). Other types of shields are available. See Figure 76.

If the optional temperature thermistor or pressure transducer is not used, the user can enter fixed values for temperature and pressure into the PM880 memory.

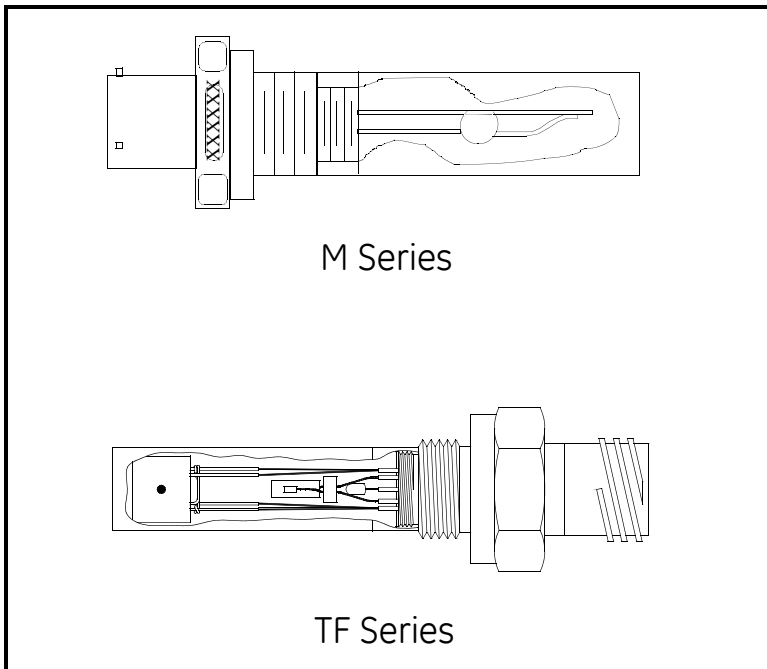


Figure 76: M & TF Series Probe (ref dwgs 750-042 & 901-152)

## 9.2.1 M Series and TF Series Moisture Probes (cont.)

Although the M and the TF Series probes may be installed directly in the process line, more often these probes are inserted into a sample system. The sample system protects the probes and enables the user to easily remove the probes for calibrating, servicing and cleaning. Sample systems also control various process and environmental conditions so that the moisture probe or sample system operates within specifications.

The M and the TF Series probes, when operated with a BASEEFA-approved PM880, are intrinsically safe and designed to meet the requirements of IEC/CENELEC zone 0 areas.

The M and TF Series probes measure moisture content in a standard range from  $-110^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-166^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $68^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) dew/frost point temperature and optionally from  $-110^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-166^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $140^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). Both probes optionally measure temperature in a range of  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-22^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $158^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The TF probe optionally measures pressure from 30-300 / 50-500 / 100-1000 / 300-3000 / 500-5000 psig.

## 9.2.2 Moisture Image Series Probe

The Moisture Image Series probe measures moisture, temperature (optional), and pressure (optional). The Moisture Image Series probe has its own electronics module that consists of a built-in microcontroller with 16-bit resolution. See Figure 77.

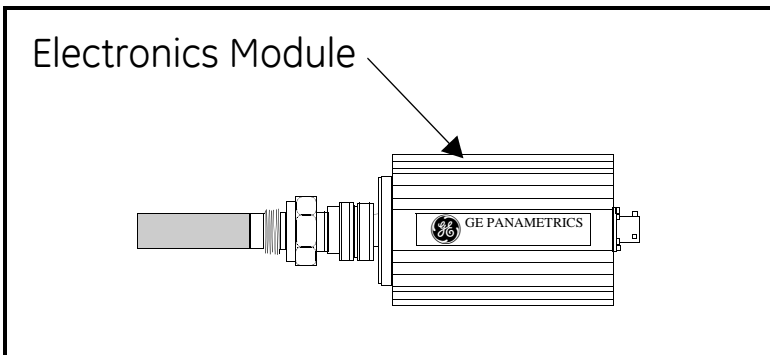


Figure 77: Moisture Image Series Probe

## 9.2.2 Moisture Image Series Probe (cont.)

The MISP2 probe has an integral set of electronics that are permanently attached (see Figure 78). Do not attempt to separate the probe from the electronics.



**Figure 78: MISP2 Probe**

The electronics module stores the probe calibration and reference data in non-volatile memory; therefore, the user never needs to enter the data by hand. The Moisture Image Series probes also feature continuous compensation of their own analog circuitry to assure long-term electronic stability.

The Moisture Image Series probes, when operated with an ATEX certified PM880, are intrinsically safe and can be used in zone 0 areas.

The Moisture Image Series probes measure moisture content in a standard range from  $-110^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-166^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $68^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) dew/frost point temperature and optionally from  $-110^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-166^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $140^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). In addition, they can be used to measure temperature in a range of  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-22^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $158^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and pressure 30-300/50-500/100-1000/300-3000/500-5000 psig.

## 9.3 Cabling

Each probe requires an interconnecting cable. Cables differ depending on the probe. The various cables are discussed below under the appropriate probe type. All of these cable assemblies can be ordered from the factory.

### 9.3.0a *M Series and TF Series Probes*

The M and the TF Series probes are connected to the analyzer with a special GE shielded cable. Probes can be located up to 600 meters (2,000 feet) from the PM880 (consult the factory for distances up to 1,200 meters). To measure pressure with a TF probe, the maximum cable length is approximately 152 meters (500 feet).

### 9.3.0b *Moisture Image Series Probes*

The Moisture Image Series probes can be connected to the PM880 with an unshielded, twisted-pair cable. Each probe may be located up to 915 meters (3,000 feet) from the analyzer using 22 AWG twisted pair cable. (Consult the factory for longer cable lengths.)

## 9.4 Overall

### Channels

Single Channel

### Dimensions

- Size: 9.4 × 5.5 × 1.5 in. (238 × 138 × 38 mm)
- Weight, electronics: 2.5 lb (1.13 kg)
- Weight, sample system: 4 lb (1.8 kg)

### Enclosure

NEMA 4X IP67

## 9.5 Operational

### Site Parameter Programming

Menu-driven, graphic, operator interface uses keypad and sift-function keys. Online help functions. Memory storage for saving site parameters.

### Data Logging

Memory capacity to log over 100,000 moisture data points. Programmable keypad for log units, update times, and start and stop times.

### Display Functions

Displays measurements and logged data in alphanumeric or graphical format. Language options: Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Castilian Spanish, Latin-American Spanish and Swedish.

### Display Units

- Moisture: DP temperature, ppm<sub>v</sub>, ppm<sub>w</sub>, %RH, lb/MMSCF and others.
- Temperature: °F, °C and °K
- Pressure: psig, bar, kPa (gauge), kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (gauge) and others

## 9.6 Electronics

### Internal Batteries

Rechargeable. PM880 batteries can be installed or removed in hazardous areas. Batteries must be recharged in general-purpose areas only.

### Battery Life

15 to 24 hours depending on probe type  
(battery life reduced when operating below 0°C).

### Battery Charger

- Switchable input: 115 to 230 VAC, 50/60 Hz
- Requires approximately 3 hours to full battery charge
- Power cord: CSA Certified and UL Recognized  
Rating: 1250 W, 10 A, 125 V  
Wire: 3 Cond., 18 AWG or equivalent
- Power supply attachment plug:  
CSA Certified and UL Recognized  
Type: 250 V, 10 A  
Mounting: Snap fit in the rectangle hole provided.

### Memory

FLASH memory

### Operating Temperature

14° to 122°F (–10° to 50°C)

**Note:** *To ensure maximum battery life, do not store batteries at temperatures exceeding 95°F (35°C) for longer than one month.*

### Keypad

25-key, rubberized, tactile membrane

### Display

240 × 200-pixel, graphic backlit LCD



## 9.6 Electronics (cont.)

### Printer/Terminal Output

Infrared communications port

### Cables

Cable type dependent on probe type: M Series, TF Series, or Moisture Image Series. LEMO<sup>®</sup>-to-bayonet connector

### Cable Length

- Standard: 10 ft (3 m)
- Optional: Consult the factory for other lengths

### Hazardous Area Classification

**WARNING!** Certified when used with battery pack 200-075.  
Substitution of components may impair intrinsic safety.

*Electronics - Intrinsic-safety certification:*

Bassefa Ltd.

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CI I, Div 1, Gr A, B, C, D, Type 6

Battery Charger:

Class 2 Battery Charger

Input: 115 VAC, 150 mA or 230 VAC, 74 mA, 50/60 Hz

Output: 7.5 VDC, 690 mA, 5.2 W

### European Compliance

Complies with EMC Directive 2004/108/EC

## 9.7 Moisture Measurement

### Compatibility

Compatible with all GE aluminum-oxide moisture probes: M Series, TF Series and Moisture Image Series. Each probe type requires a different type of I/O cable.

### Calibration

GE moisture sensors are computer calibrated to NIST-traceable moisture concentrations.

## 9.8 Dew/Frost Point Temperature

### Overall Range Capability

- $-110^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-166$  to  $140^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

### Available Range Options

- Standard:  $-80^{\circ}$  to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-112^{\circ}$  to  $68^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) with data to  $-110^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-166^{\circ}\text{F}$ )
- Ultra-Low:  $-110^{\circ}$  to  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-166^{\circ}$  to  $-58^{\circ}\text{F}$ )
- High Range Data:  $-80^{\circ}$  to  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-112^{\circ}$  to  $140^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

### Calibrated Accuracy at $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ( $77^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

- $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $3.6^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) from  $-65^{\circ}$  to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-85^{\circ}$  to  $50^{\circ}\text{F}$ )
- $\pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $5.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) from  $-80^{\circ}$  to  $-66^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-112^{\circ}$  to  $-87^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

### Repeatability

- $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $0.9^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) from  $-65^{\circ}$  to  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-85^{\circ}$  to  $50^{\circ}\text{F}$ )
- $\pm 1.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $1.8^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) from  $-80^{\circ}$  to  $-66^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-112^{\circ}$  to  $-87^{\circ}\text{F}$ )

### Operating Pressure

$5\ \mu$  of Hg to 5,000 psig (345 bar) limited by pressure sensor — (see pressure measurement specifications)

## 9.9 Temperature Measurement

Optional thermistor is available for all GE moisture probes.

### Range

-30°C to 70°C (-22° to 158°F)

### Accuracy

±0.5°C at -30°C

## 9.10 Pressure Measurement

Optional pressure sensor is available for TF Series and Moisture Image Series moisture probes

### Ranges

- 30 to 300 psig (3 to 12 bar)
- 50 to 500 psig (4 to 35 bar)
- 100 to 1,000 psig (7 to 69 bar)
- 300 to 3,000 psig (21 to 207 bar)
- 500 to 5,000 psig (35 to 345 bar)

### Accuracy

±1% at full scale

### Proof Pressure

3 times span of available range up to maximum 7,500 psig (518 bar)

## 9.11 Sample System

Specifications for SS880A standard sample system, comprising an inlet needle valve, a built-in coalescing filter and sample cell with bypass needle valve and venting tube, a pressure gage (various ranges), and an outlet needle valve with venting tube.

### Wetted Parts

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### Operating Pressure

Configurations available for 300, 500, 1,000, 2,000 or 3,000 psig (21, 35, 69, 207, or 345 bar), dependent on pressure gauge

### Maximum Pressure Rating

- Standard: 3,000 psig (207 bar)
- Optional: 5,000 psig (345 bar)

### Other Options

- Inlet pressure regulator, 0 to 500 psig (1 to 345 bar) outlet
- Armored flowmeter, 1.3 to 13 SCFH
- 10-ft (3-m), flexible, PTFE-lined, braided-stainless steel hose with 1/8-in. tube connections. Not recommended for dewpoint temperatures below  $-103^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $-75^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

## 9.12 Optional Accessories

- Infrared adapter connects to serial port of desktop or laptop PCs to add infrared capability.
- Portable, infrared, thermal printer with rechargeable battery and 120 to 240 VAC battery charger.  
Printer dimensions:  $6.3 \times 6.5 \times 2.3$  in. ( $160 \times 164 \times 59$  mm).  
Weight: 13 oz (370 g). Print width: 4 in. (104 mm).
- PC Interface Software - PanaView™ Graphical User Interface.

## Appendix A. Measurement Considerations

There are a variety of environmental and installation factors that can affect measurements. These factors should be discussed with a GE applications engineer or field sales person by the time you receive the PM880. However, if you decide to add additional measurement sites, this section contains some basic guidelines for selecting a measurement site and constructing a sample system. This section includes the following:

- Choosing a Measurement Site - see below
- Moisture/Temperature Probe Considerations - page A-176
- Sample System Guidelines - page A-179

### A.1 Choosing a Measurement Site

You should have discussed environmental and installation factors with a GE applications engineer or field sales person by the time you receive the PM880. The equipment should be suited to the application and installation site.

- Choose an installation site for the probes and sample systems that is as close to the process line as possible. Avoid long lengths of connecting tubing. If long distances are unavoidable, a fast sampling by-pass loop is recommended. Do not install any other components, such as filters, ahead of the probes or sample system unless instructed to do so by GE.
- Observe all normal safety precautions. Use the probes within their maximum pressure and temperature ratings.
- Locate the electronics unit away from high temperatures, strong electrical transients, mechanical vibrations, corrosive atmospheres, and any other conditions that could damage or interfere with the meter operation.

## A.1 Choosing a Measurement Site (cont.)

- Protect the probe cables from excessive physical strain (bending, pulling, twisting, etc.). In addition, do not subject the cables to temperatures above 65°C (149°F) or below -50°C (-58°F).
- Observe the proper cable restrictions for the probes. You can locate the Moisture Image Series probe up to 915 meters (3,000 feet) away from the electronics unit with an unshielded twisted-pair cable. The M Series and TF Series probes require specially shielded cable. You can locate the M and TF probes up to 600 meters (2,000 feet) from the unit. If you are measuring pressure with a TF probe, the cable length should not exceed 152 meters (500 feet).

## A.2 Moisture/Temperature Probe Considerations

The M Series, TF Series, and Moisture Image Series probes consist of an aluminum oxide sensor mounted on a connector head. Standard probe mounts include a protective stainless steel shield.

The probe sensor materials and housing maximize durability and insure a minimum of water absorbing surfaces in the vicinity of the aluminum oxide surface. A sintered stainless steel shield is used to protect the sensor from high flow rates and particulate matter. The end cap should not be removed except upon advice from GE.

The sensor has been designed to withstand normal shock and vibration. You should make sure that the active sensor surface is never touched or allowed to come into direct contact with foreign objects, since this may adversely affect performance.

Observing these few simple precautions will result in a long and useful probe life. GE recommends that probe calibration be checked routinely, at 12-month intervals, or as recommended by our applications engineers for your particular application.

## A.2 Moisture/Temperature Probe Considerations (cont.)

The probe will measure the water vapor pressure in its immediate vicinity; therefore, readings will be influenced by its proximity to the system walls, materials of construction, and other environmental factors. The sensor can be operated under vacuum or pressure, flowing or static conditions.

Observe the following environmental precautions.

### a. Temperature Range

The standard probe is operable from  $-110^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+70^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-166^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $158^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).

### b. Moisture Condensation

Be sure the temperature is at least  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  higher than the dew/frost point temperature. If this condition is not maintained, moisture condensation could occur on the sensor or in the sample system, which will cause reading errors. If this happens, dry out the probe following the procedures outlined in *Application of the Hygrometer*.

### c. Static or Dynamic Use

The sensor performs equally well in still air or where considerable flow occurs. Its small size makes it ideal for measuring moisture conditions within completely sealed containers or dry boxes. It will also perform well under gas flow conditions as high as  $10,000\text{ cm/sec}$  and liquid flow conditions to  $10\text{ cm/sec}$ . Refer to *Application of the Hygrometer*, for maximum flow rates in gases and liquids.

## A.2 Moisture/Temperature Probe Considerations (cont.)

### d. Pressure

The moisture probe directly measures water vapor pressure. The moisture sensor measures water vapor under vacuum or high pressure conditions from as little as 5 microns Hg to as high as 5,000 psi total pressure.

### e. Long-Term Storage & Operational Stability

Sensors are not affected by continuous abrupt humidity changes, or damaged by exposure to saturation conditions, even when stored. However, you should store probes in their original shipping containers in a clean, dry location. If the probe is saturated during storage, refer to *b. Moisture Condensation* on the previous page before installing the probe. For best performance, do not store probes longer than one to two years from their calibration date.

### f. Freedom from Interference

The sensor is completely unaffected by the presence of a wide variety of gases or organic liquids. Large concentrations of hydrocarbon gases, Freon™, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen have no effect on sensor water vapor indications. The sensor will operate properly in a multitude of gaseous or non-conductive liquid environments.

### g. Corrosive Materials

Avoid all materials that are corrosive or otherwise damaging to aluminum or aluminum oxide. These include strongly acidic or basic materials and primary amines.



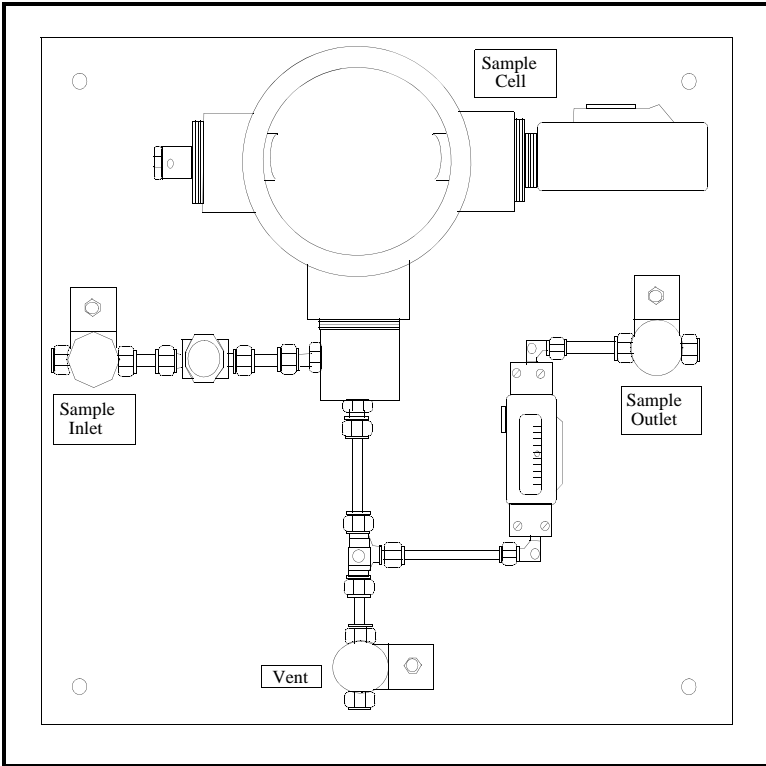
### A.3 Sample System Guidelines

A sample system is highly recommended for moisture measurement. The purpose of a sample system is to condition or control a sample stream to within the specifications of a probe. The application requirements determine the design of the sample system. GE applications engineers will make recommendations based on the following general guidelines:

- Typically, sample systems should be kept very simple. They should contain as few components as possible and all or most of those components should be located downstream of the measurement probe. Figure 79 on the next page shows an example of a simple sample system consisting of an explosion-proof housing with a sample cell, a filter, a flow meter, a vent valve and two shut off valves, one at the inlet and one at the outlet.
- The sample system components should not be made of any material that will affect measurements. A sample system may include a filter to remove particulates from the sample stream or a pressure regulator to reduce or control the pressure of the stream. However, most common filters and pressure regulators are not suitable for sample systems because they have wetted parts that may absorb or release components (such as moisture) into the sample stream. They may also allow ambient contamination to enter the sample stream. In general, you should use stainless steel material for all wetted parts.

Contact the GE PCI Division at 1-800-833-9438 (within the USA) or 781-899-2719 (outside the USA) for further instructions.

### A.3 Sample System Guidelines (cont.)



**Figure 79: Typical Moisture Sample System**

**Note:** *The actual sample system design is dependent on the application requirements.*

## Appendix B. Menu Maps

This chapter includes menu maps of the PM880 program. Refer to the following:

- The Site Menu - page 183
- The Program Menu - page 184
- The Meter Menu - page 185
- The Logging Menu - page 186
- The Service Menu - page 187

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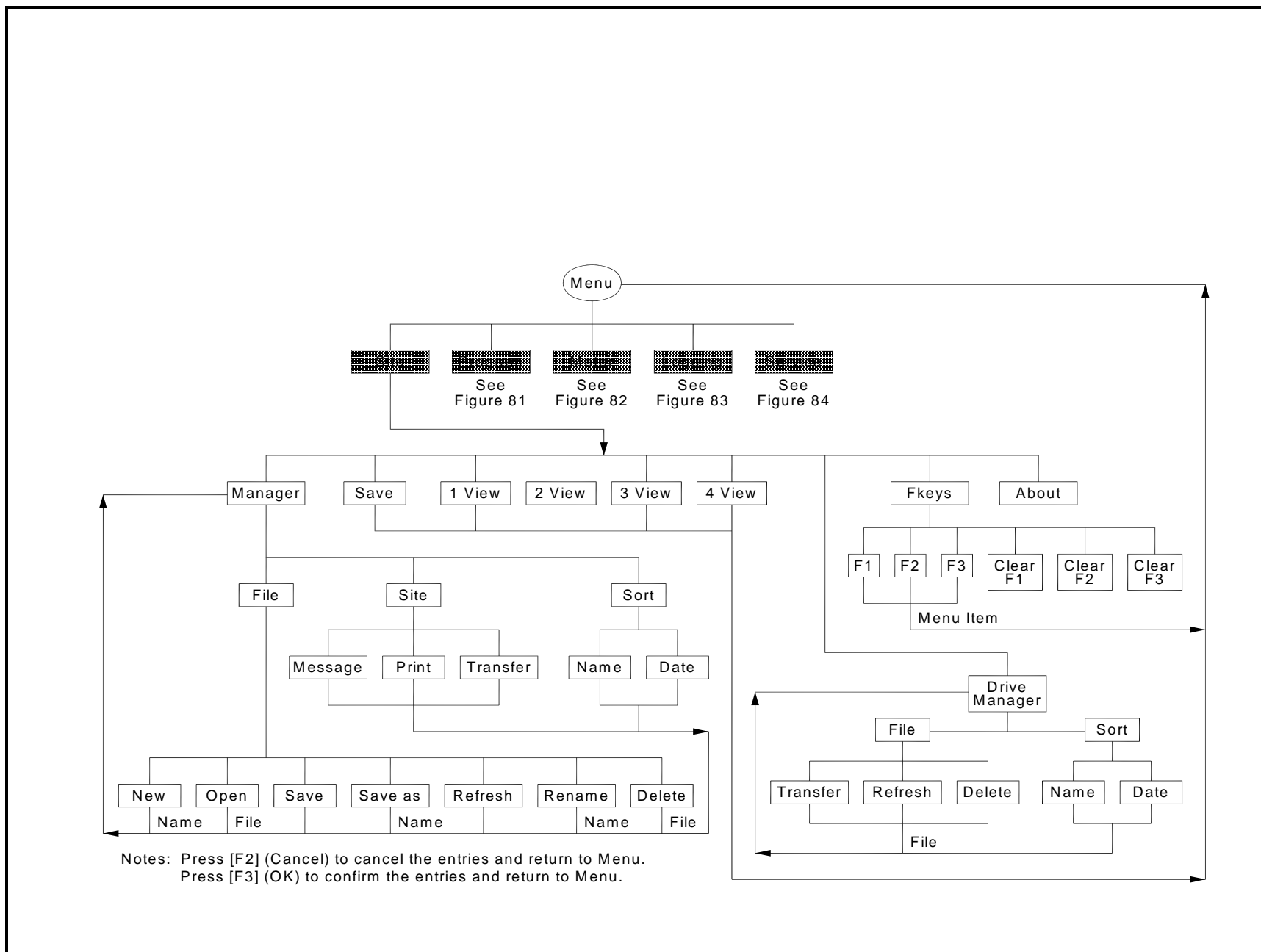


Figure 80: Site Menu

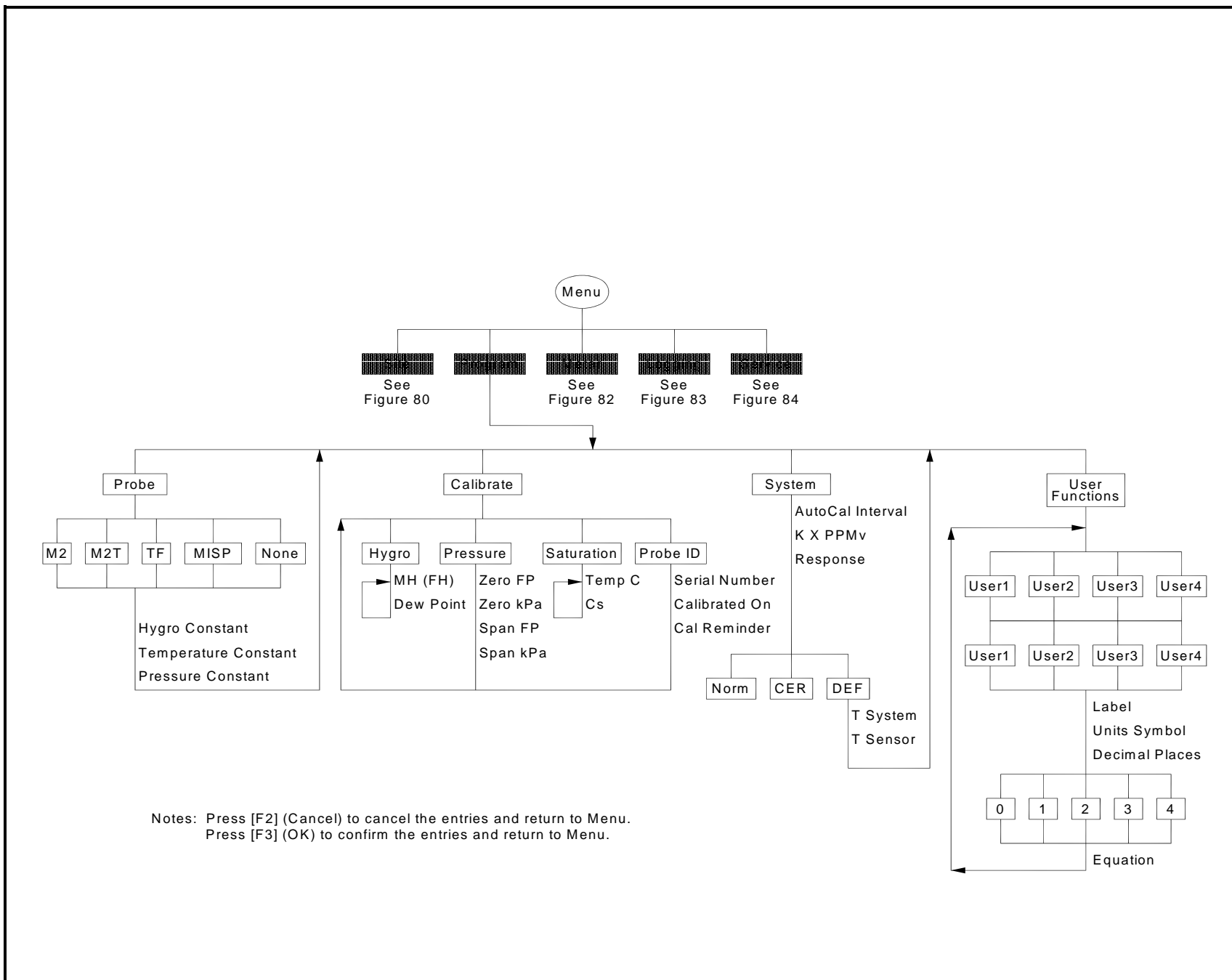


Figure 81: Program Menu

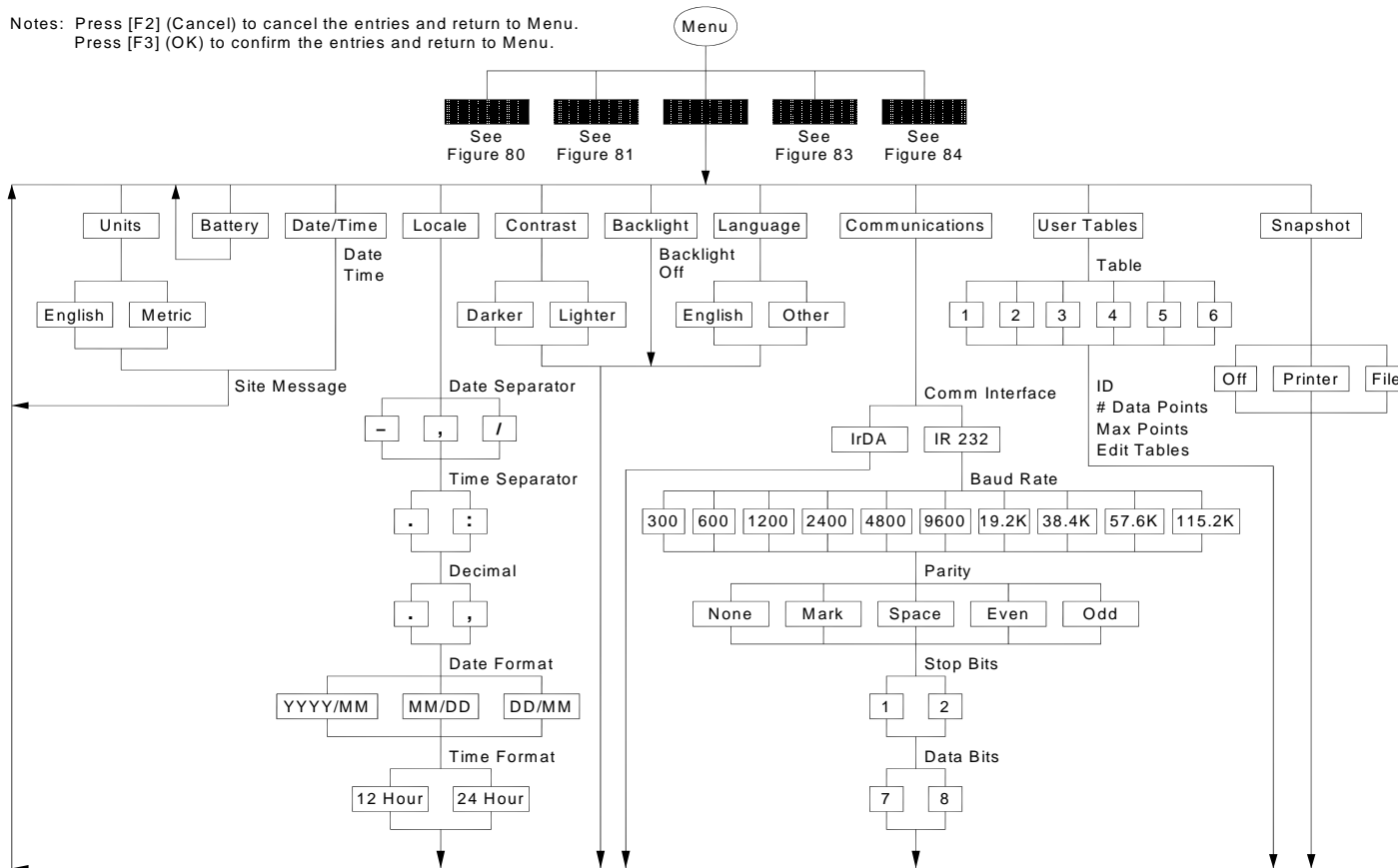
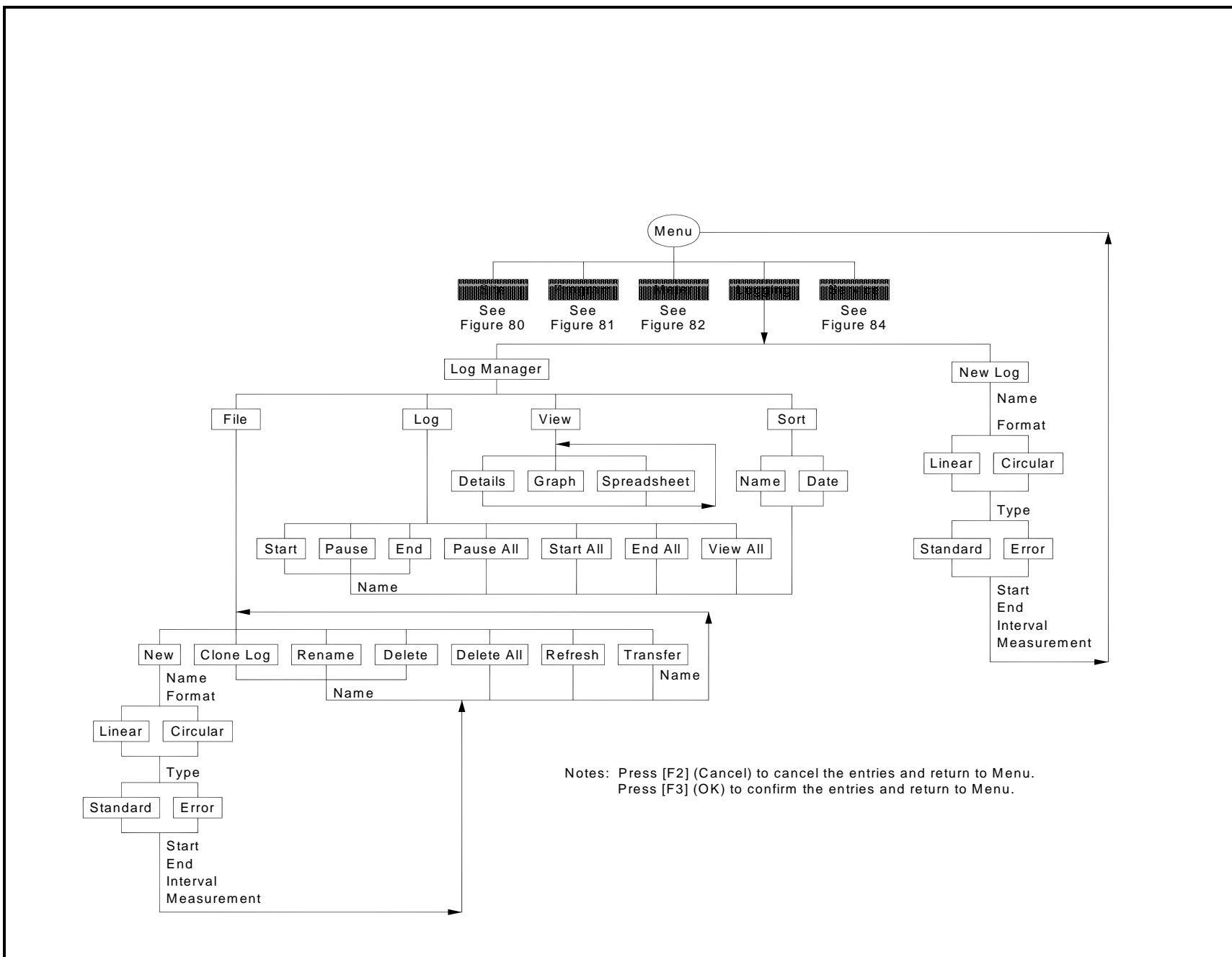


Figure 82: Meter Menu



Notes: Press [F2] (Cancel) to cancel the entries and return to Menu.  
 Press [F3] (OK) to confirm the entries and return to Menu.

Figure 83: Logging Menu



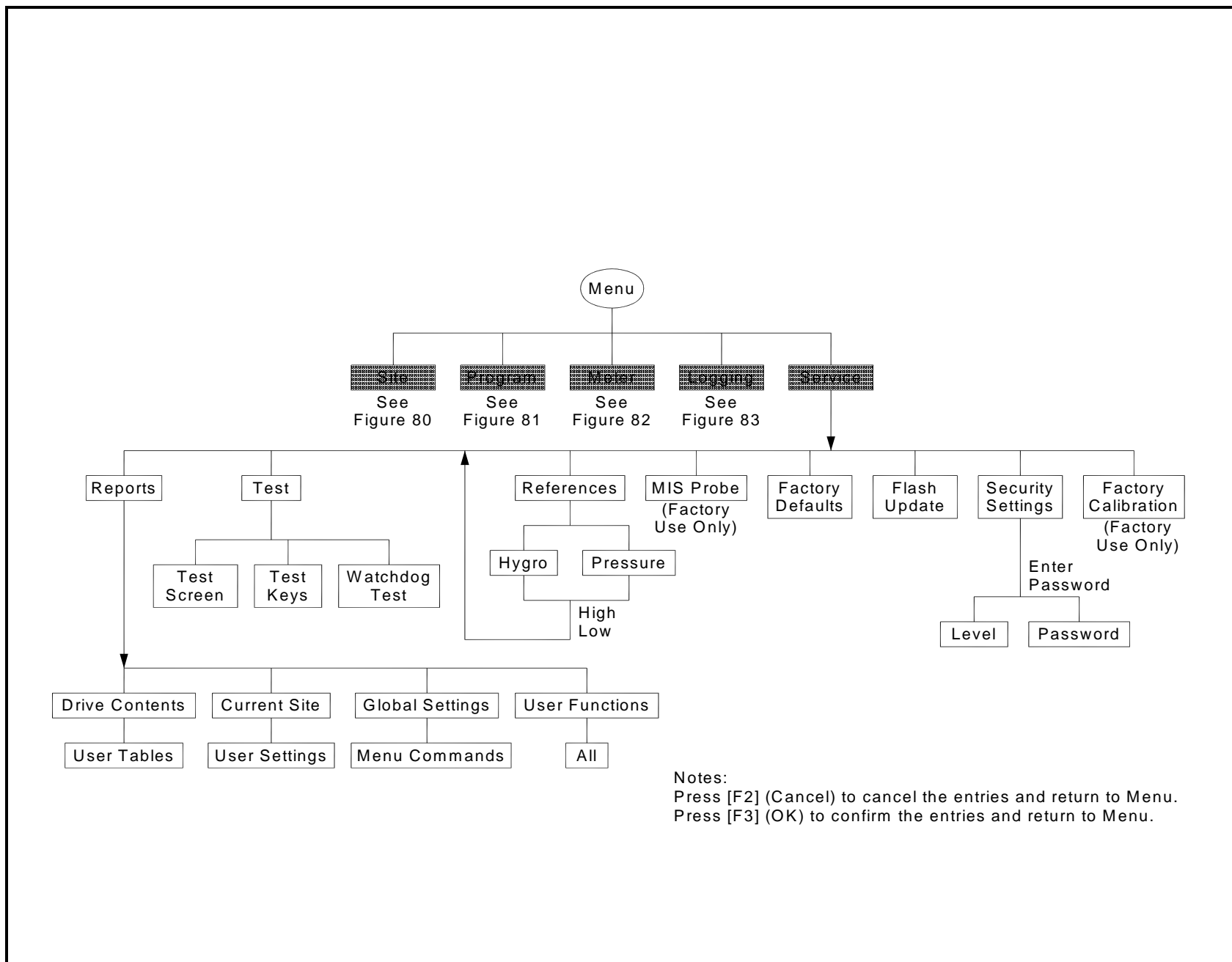


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## Warranty

Each instrument manufactured by GE Sensing is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship. Liability under this warranty is limited to restoring the instrument to normal operation or replacing the instrument, at the sole discretion of GE Sensing. Fuses and batteries are specifically excluded from any liability. This warranty is effective from the date of delivery to the original purchaser. If GE Sensing determines that the equipment was defective, the warranty period is:

- one year from delivery for electronic or mechanical failures
- one year from delivery for sensor shelf life

If GE Sensing determines that the equipment was damaged by misuse, improper installation, the use of unauthorized replacement parts, or operating conditions outside the guidelines specified by GE Sensing, the repairs are not covered under this warranty.

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## Return Policy

If a GE Sensing instrument malfunctions within the warranty period, the following procedure must be completed:

1. Notify GE Sensing, giving full details of the problem, and provide the model number and serial number of the instrument. If the nature of the problem indicates the need for factory service, GE Sensing will issue a RETURN AUTHORIZATION NUMBER (RAN), and shipping instructions for the return of the instrument to a service center will be provided.
2. If GE Sensing instructs you to send your instrument to a service center, it must be shipped prepaid to the authorized repair station indicated in the shipping instructions.
3. Upon receipt, GE Sensing will evaluate the instrument to determine the cause of the malfunction.

Then, one of the following courses of action will then be taken:

- If the damage is covered under the terms of the warranty, the instrument will be repaired at no cost to the owner and returned.
- If GE Sensing determines that the damage is not covered under the terms of the warranty, or if the warranty has expired, an estimate for the cost of the repairs at standard rates will be provided. Upon receipt of the owner's approval to proceed, the instrument will be repaired and returned.

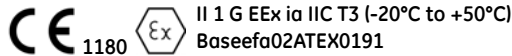
We,

GE Infrastructure Sensing, Inc.  
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U.S.A.

as the manufacturer, declare under our sole responsibility that the product

**Model PM880 Portable Hygrometer**

to which this document relates, in accordance with the provisions of ATEX Directive 94/9/EC Annex II, meets the following specifications:



Furthermore, these additional requirements and specifications apply to the product:

- Having been designed in accordance with EN 50014, EN 50020, and EN 50284, the product meets the fault tolerance requirements of electrical apparatus for category "ia".
- The product is an electrical apparatus and must be installed in the hazardous area in accordance with the requirements of the EC Type Examination Certificate. The installation must be carried out in accordance with all appropriate international, national and local standard codes and practices and site regulations for flameproof apparatus and in accordance with the instructions contained in the manual. Access to the circuitry must not be made during operation.
- Only trained, competent personnel may install, operate and maintain the equipment.
- The product has been designed so that the protection afforded will not be reduced due to the effects of corrosion of materials, electrical conductivity, impact strength, aging resistance or the effects of temperature variations.
- The product cannot be repaired by the user; it must be replaced by an equivalent certified product. Repairs should only be carried out by the manufacturer or by an approved repairer.
- The product must not be subjected to mechanical or thermal stresses in excess of those permitted in the certification documentation and the instruction manual.
- The product contains no exposed parts which produce surface temperature infrared, electromagnetic ionizing, or non-electrical dangers.



We,

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declare under our sole responsibility that the

**Moisture Monitor™ Series MMS35IS Moisture Analyzer  
PM880 Portable Hygrometer**

to which this declaration relates, are in conformity with the following standards:

- EN 60079-0: 2007
  - EN 60079-1: 2004
  - EN 50020: 1994
  - EN 50284: 1999
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**PM880:** Baseefa02ATEX0191 (Baseefa, Buxton, Derbyshire, UK - NoBo 1180)  
**MMS35IS:** ISSeP01ATEX035X (ISSeP, B7340 Colfontaine, Belgium - NoBo 492)
  - EN 61326-1: 2006, Class A, Table A.1, Portable Equipment  
(For EN 61010-4-3, the MMS35IS meets performance criteria A and, in a limited number of frequencies, performance criteria B per EN 61326)
  - EN 61326-2-3: 2006
- Other standards used:
- EN 50014: 1997 +A1, A2:1999

following the provisions of the 2004/108/EC EMC and 94/9/EC ATEX Directives.

Where products were initially assessed for compliance with the Essential Health and Safety Requirements of the ATEX Directive 94/9/EC using earlier harmonized standards, a subsequent review has determined that "technical knowledge" is unaffected by the current harmonized standards listed above.

The units listed above and any ancillary equipment supplied with them do not bear CE marking for the Pressure Equipment Directive, as they are supplied in accordance with Article 3, Section 3 (sound engineering practices and codes of good workmanship) of the Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC for DN<25.

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